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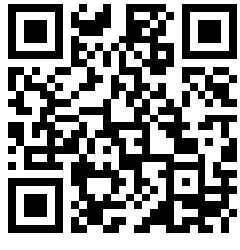

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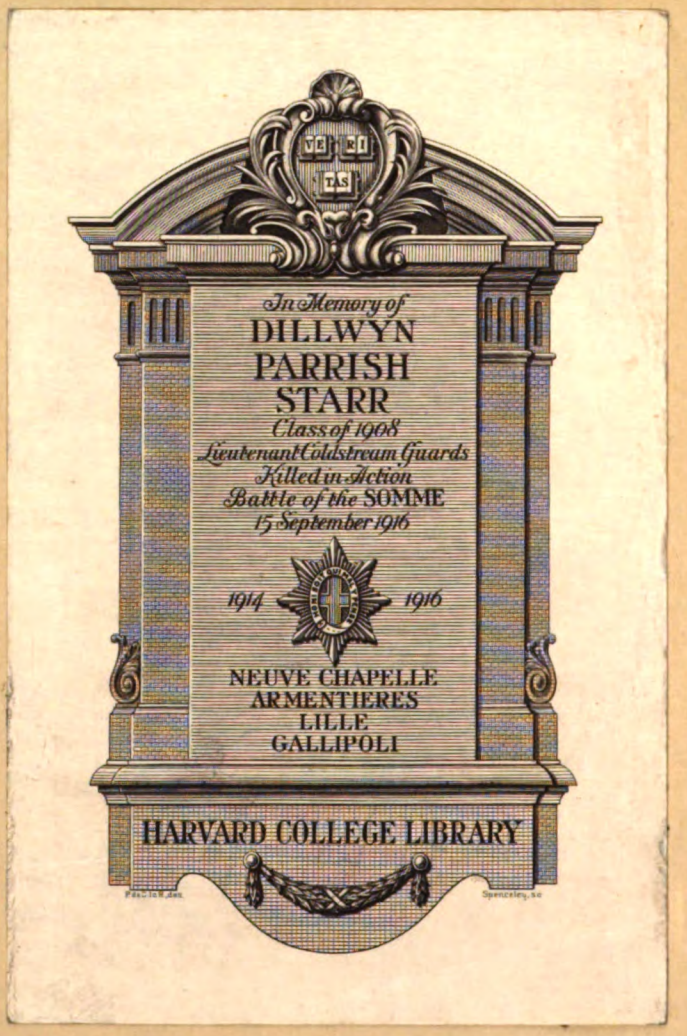

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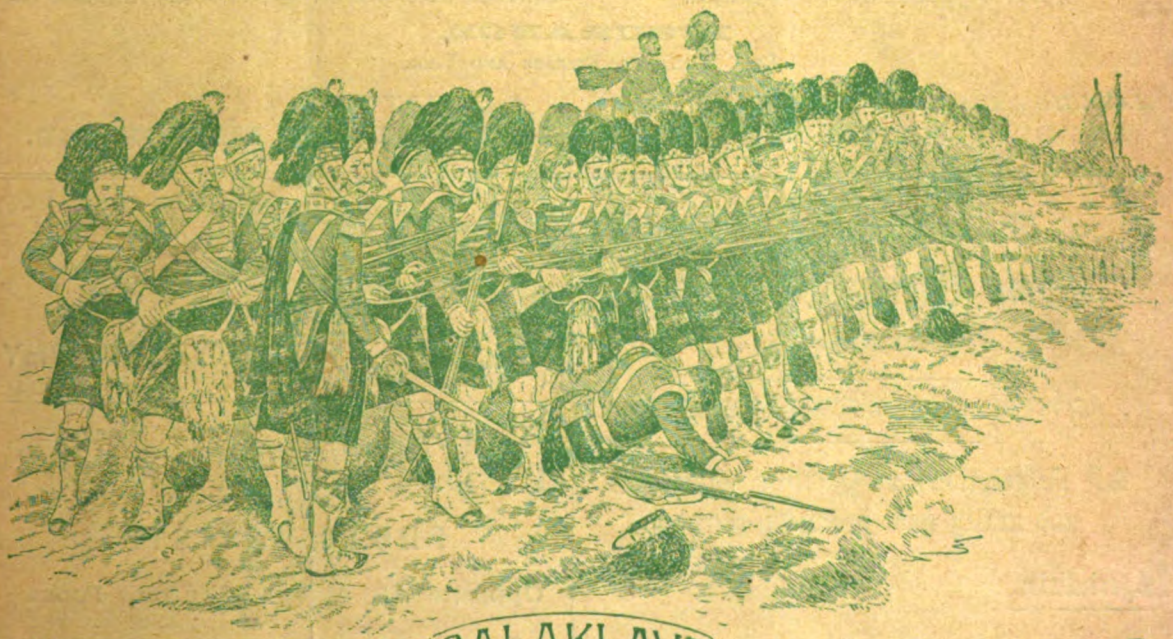

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WINNERS OF THE INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 1904.

Cpl Hiddles. Pte. McLaren. L/Cpl. Blake. Pte. Pollock. Pte. Reid. Capt. Marshall. Pte. Coyle. Cpl. McMaster. Pte. Houston. Pte. Mowatt. Sergt. Brash. Pte. Brady. Pte. McLay L/Cpl. Galbraith.

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SKIRLS

An excellent institution has been set on foot in the form of a weekly paper chase for the Battalion. The runs take place every Thursday and prizes are awarded as follows:—For the first three in each chase, and at the close of the season a special prize will be awarded to that Company which has had the greatest number of men finish in the first twenty in all runs. No man may take more than three first or five prizes during the season.

The first run was brought off most successfully on the 21st. The meet was at Kondhwa Khed, about 1½ miles to the south of Barracks. At 5-30 p.m. quite a strong field to the number of 50 or more assembled at the appointed place and shortly afterwards 2nd Lieuts. A. E. Kennedy and R. D. Falconar Stewart, who were acting as hares, after being implored by several members of the pack to lay the trail thick on account of the high wind, were slipped. Ten minutes later the whole pack were in full cry on a hot scent. The pace was too hot to last and one member at least was thankful for the first check which took place about ½ a mile from the start and enabled him to get his second wind; the well trained hounds immediately extended into a long skirmishing line and the trail was soon picked up again on the left, when with a "View Halloo!" the chase was resumed. The pack now began to open out and as from this point to the finish there was no check to speak of, individual members soon settled down to their respective places. The going was not of the best, as some very stony country was encountered and several nasty nullahs had to be negotiated. The course was roughly from the old Satara Road in a N. Westerly direction over the range, continuing to Gibbet Hill, then turned left handed along the bottom of the hills round the North of Gibbet Hill, here left handed again, and a strong wind blowing full in the face made running all the harder. From here over some ploughed fields on to the Sholapur road and thence straight home, over the parade ground to Barracks, where a large crowd had assembled to see Private C. Gray, "H" Company, finish first. Private L. Peacock, "H" Company, second, Corporal C. Campbell, "E" Company, third, and the Company with the most men in the first twenty was "E" Company. Con-

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sidering that it was the first run of the season and the course some 6 miles over none too easy country, the pace throughout and the number of men who finished was most creditable, and speaks well for the fitness of the men in the Battalion at the present moment.

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Pay and Command of "A" Coy. has devolved on 2nd Lieutenant Maclaine. Lieutenant Gillatt, who had taken over from Captain McCandlish on April 6th, relinquishing command of the Company to follow in Captain McCandlish's footsteps to Deolali School of Musketry as A1.

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Colonel Paterson, who writes from Astor, complains of a scarcity of coolies which has unfortunately robbed him of any chance of sport amongst Markhor and Ibex. At present he and Mrs. Paterson are, we believe, in the Rissal Nulla, and Mr. Butler, who accompanied them, a march or two further up the Gilgit Road.

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Captain McCandlish on his return from conducting duty was not destined to stay long with us. The Musketry Class at Deolali has the advantage of his knowledge of ballistics. Sergeant Inglis is one of his able instructors.

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Five hundred and eighteen N.C.O's and men have extended their period of army service to complete eight years with the Colours.

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"A" Coy., on completion of their Annual Course of Gymnastics, have given place to "B" in the Garrison Gymnasium.

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Lieut. Forbes and Color.-Sergeants Lockie and Ritchie proceeded at the end of the month to Deolali for a course of Musketry, we wish them all the success which prowess can command.

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The Commander-in-Chief has decided that as far as this Battalion is concerned, men who did not complete Part I., Table B, during the Musketry year 1903-04, are to be classified for Service Pay, in Class I., where Musketry is the governing rule. All men will be classified for Service Pay on completion of Part I., Table B, in the current year.

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It is rumoured that the garden plots scattered through barracks are to be at last made use of by the various companies to whom they belong. It is hoped that any zealous gardeners will be spared from another visit of that pest, the locust. During the last month the locusts have been indefatigable in their attentions to Poona, coming in their billions day after day in the most systematic manner, and in spite of the efforts of mallees and others to drive them away by beating on tins and waving white danger signals, they have practically devastated the whole of Poona, leaving every green tree, scrub, and garden absolutely bare. They have wrought great havoc moreover among the crops of the natives round Poona. It is feared that in the event of another visit a famine will be the result.

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We very much regret that owing to our special correspondent having unadvoidably absented himself from Poona, it is impossible to bring out an account of the sports in this number as promised, but we hope in our next, along with a full account, to present to our readers some snapshots of the principle events.

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Owing to the time of the year, shikar among the officers has been almost at a stand still, with the exception of pig-sticking. 2nd Lieuts. L. St. C. Cheape and Lord G. Dundas have been the most regular attendants, the former has been most successful, and has secured seven first spears, the biggest pig stood 33 inches and his tusks measured 9 inches. Lord Dundas has not been quite so fortunate, as he up to the present has only drawn first blood on one occasion; he has however had the experience of meeting a wounded boar on foot, and we hope he will furnish us with a full account of his experiences for publication at another time.

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Bound volumes of No. IX. are now ready, and can be had on application to the Editor. As the number of copies are limited, applications should be early. Private copies, if sent to the Assistant Manager, will be bound at the rate of Rs. 1 per volume.

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A Doctor, who was something of a ventriloquist, wanted a boy to assist in the surgery who must possess strong nerves. Several applied, and when telling a lad what his duties were, the doctor would say in order to test his nerves, "part of your work will be to feed that skeleton in the corner there, and while you are here you might as well have a try to do so."

Some lads would consent to a trial, and receive a bason of hot gruel and a spoon. While they were pouring the hot mass into the skull, the doctor would make his voice appear to proceed from the jaws of the customer, and gurgle out, "Br-r-r-gr-h-uh, that's hot!" This was too much, and, without exception, the lads dropped the basin and bolted. It seem almost impossible to get a suitable lad until a small boy came, and was given the basin and spoon. After he had applied the first spoonful the skeleton seemed to say, "Gr-r-r-gr-h-up, that's hot!" Shovelling in the hot gruel as fast as ever, the lad tapped the skull, and retorted "Weel, blaw on't, ye auld bony!" He was engaged on the spot.

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Regimental Shooting Club.

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Thursday, 14th April.—There was a practice shoot at 500 yards.

„ 21st April.—Highland Society of London Prize.

It will be remembered that in the recent Wapinshaw, a prize of £2 given by the above Society was to be fired for, by the 10 best aggregates of Matches 1, 2, and 3 the following N.C.O.'s and men became eligible to fire for the prize.

Private	Clarkson,	"E" Company.
Lance Corporal	Wight,	"C" Company.
„	Gray,	"H" „
Private	Maxwell,	"D" „
„	Dolan,	"B" „
„	May,	"A" „
Corporal	Polson,	"H" „
Private	Lawrence,	"F" „
„	Lumsden,	"F" „
Bandsman	Brown,	"B" „

The Society gave the prize, requiring that it should be fired for as near service conditions as possible, so in accordance with the test of shooting already made by the individuals, a separate scheme had to be prepared by the committee, which was as follows :—

Men will be drawn up at 800 yards, magazines charged with 10 rounds, and 10 rounds in pouches.

Advance up the range and fire 10 rounds at intermediate distances during the advance to within 350. Bayonets must be fixed at that distance.

On the order of the Superintending Officer for Magazine fire, the remaining rounds will be expended. Time allowed for Magazine fire, 1 minute. Position any military throughout, all advantage of cover must be taken, for which points will be given.

Target Figure 6′ × 2′.

Hits on figure only to count.

The competition fired in two batches, and the practices were carried out under the superintendence of the Adjutant. Some splendid shooting was the result, Lance Corporal Wight had no less than 15 hits out of 20 rounds on his target, while Lance Corporal Gray had 14, but unfortunately for them, each had only 5 hits on the black to count. Private May and Corporal Polson scored 6 hits on the black, whilst Private Dolan, "B" Company, won the prize by securing 7 hits on the black figure.

Thursday 28th.—A competition at 600 yards with the following Prizes —

Rs. 20-15-10. 8,5,5,5,4,3,3, conditions, 7 rounds, two sighting shots. Any military position. Entrance Fee 10 annas. About 168 N.C.O.'s and men entered for this competition, all were squadded to time, and firing commenced at 7 a.m.

Being at times very breezy nothing brilliant was done in the way of scoring, the following were the prize winners and their scores :—

1st	Lance Corporal	W. Kirkland, "G" Company,	Score 30.
2nd	Private	J. McEachern, "F" Company,	Score 28.
3rd	„	J. Hay, "A" Coy. „	27.
4th	Corporal	J. McKinlay, "C" Company,	Score 27.
5th	Private	J. Dolan, "B" Coy. „	27.
6th	„	D. Johnstone, "B" Company,	Score 27.
7th	„	W. Malcolm, "F" Company,	Score 27.
8th	„	G. Clarkson, "E" Company,	Score 26
9th	„	J. Brown, "F" Coy. „	26
10th	„	W. Walker, "A" Coy.	Score 26

Rifle Club.

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE.

1. *Thursday, 2nd :*
   200 Yards, 3rd Class Target, 7 shots, 5 to count. Entrance 5 Annas.
   Open to Recruits, 3rd Class Shots, men who have made 65 or under in 5 ranges, and men put back only.
2. *Thursday, 9th :*
   500 Yards, 2nd Class Target. Open to those mentioned in I., and also to 2nd Class Shots and men who made 80 or under in 5 practices.
   Entrance 5 Annas. 7 rounds to count.
3. *Thursday, 16th :*
   Falling Plate and Target Competition. Open. The firer must strike the Plate before proceeding to fire at Target. Distance 350 Yards, 3rd Class Target, 5 rounds. Entrance 5 Annas.
   In each Competition 10 Prizes for every 100 entries. One Aggregate, value of 10 Prizes in I., Rs. 50 ; in II., Rs. 55 ; in III., Rs. 60.
4. *Thursday, 23rd :*
   Chatti Team Competition as advertised for May 19th.

Pool Target each day. 3 Annas per Shot.

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The Russo-Japanese War.

Since our last issue the chief interest has centred in the Japanese victories by land, which have profoundly impressed soldiers and politicians throughout the world.

At the end of April about 20,000 Russians were entrenched in a strong position about twelve miles in extent along the right bank of the Yalu on either side of Kiu-lien-chen. Through the centre of their position ran the River Ai and the main road from Korea to Mukden; here the River Yalu runs in three streams, the centre one requiring bridging, the others being probable waist deep. From the 27th to the 29th the Japanese 1st Army, about 40,000 strong, assisted by a flotilla of torpedo boats, made reconnaissances and feints at crossing, and on April 30th the 12th Division crossed the Yalu, driving back the Russian left across the Ai river to form at right angles to its former position. On May 1st this same Division crumpled up the whole Russian position while the General Division attacked the centre at Kiu-lien-chen, and the 2nd Division moved round the Russian right. A hasty flight was made in disorder to Feug-huang-cheng by the Russians, who narrowly escaped being surrounded, and left 21 3-inch Q.F. guns, 8 machine guns, and over 1000 rifles in the hands of the Japanese; their other casualties were 1363 killed, 2830 wounded, and 613 prisoners, while the Japanese acknowledge 218 killed and 783 wounded. All accounts agree as to the severity, accuracy, and superiority of the Japanese artillery, the skill of their Pioneers in bridging, and the magnificent dash of the 12th Division, which had nearly all the fighting.

Acting on the belief that blocking operations carried out on Port Arthur on the 3rd May had been successful, the Japanese on 5th and 6th landed 7,000 of their 2nd Army at Pi-tze-wu and Cape Terminal, with other parties at Kinchon and Fuchau Bay close to Port Arthur, and seized the railway at Port Adams, thus isolating the fortress, Admiral Alexieff and the Grand Duke Boris had to leave hurriedly to avoid capture. On the 6th the 1st Army captured Fêug-huang-cheng, which continues to be its headquarters whence they have pushed parties close to Liao-yang, Hai-cheng and even to the N.E. of Mukden.

Whilst awaiting on the Yalu river the Japanese attack, a portion of the Cossack Cavalry Division had been despatched to Ta-ku-shan to prevent a landing, (which however took place on May 15th) and another portion was sent across the upper Yalu into Korea; the latter was intended to join hands with about 1000 Cossacks who had come South from Vladivostok along the Korean east coast, destroying the Japanese settlement at Siengchen and getting as far as 80 miles N.E. of Gensan on April 20th, but subsequently retreated N. eastwards. On May 10th the Japanese post at Anju was attacked by 500 Cossacks, but reinforcements coming up, the enemy was driven off on the 11th with 50 casualties.

By May 14th Port Arthur was more or less invested, and on 15th the Japanese occupied Tsinyen which is on the road from Takushan to Haicheng. On the 16th Nin-chuang was evacuated by the Russians, but finding the Japanese were not pushing on, they re-occupied it on 24th. Resuming their advance on the 24th, the Japanese after several days severe fighting succeeded in capturing Kinchau, and in forcing the Russians from their entrenched positions on the neck of the peninsula 18 miles from Port Arthur. Discovering a gap in the line of defence, the Japanese appear to have outflanked the enemy, and gained a splendid victory at the cost of 3000 casualties. The Russians have retired to Port Arthur, which is now invested by land and sea, leaving 400 dead on the field and 50 guns in the hands of the Japanese. Before retiring within the lines from which they have just been driven, the Russians blew up on May 16th the greater part of the costly breakwater and harbour they had constructed at Dalny at the cost of many millions.

A force of Japanese who landed at Helen Bay, S E. of Kaiping, are reported to have taken that place, which brings them 20 miles S.E. of Ninchuang,

It will thus be seen that the greater part of Southern Manchuria is now in the hands of the Japanese.

Owing to the treachery of a staff officer, so it is said, the Japanese have had to change their plan of campaign—this may be so, but as no one except a few of their highest officials knew what their plan was, this change does not matter much to us. The delay in their advance may be explained by abominably bad roads, which necessitate most careful preparation of transport; moreover, Port Arthur not being absolutely sealed, the Russian cruisers and destroyers could still venture out to attack transports. Hence the 3rd Army has not yet landed in Manchuria, and is probably waiting at the fortified flying base in the Elliot Islands—whether its destination be the East or the West side of the Gulf of Liaotung or elsewhere we care not to prophesy. The Japanese military authorities are past masters in the art of preserving secrecy.

In Naval affairs the most important event has been another most daring attack on Port Arthur on May 4th, when the Japanese succeeded in partially blocking the entrance by sinking five ships, but not completely so, for the Russian destroyers came out on May 15, and the cruiser

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Novik (the only large ship left able to do so) ventured out on the following day.

The Vladivostok squadron of eight cruisers and two torpedo boats having left the port on April 23rd arrived off Gensan, on the East coast of Korea, on 25th; the torpedo boats ran into the bay and torpedoed the Goyo Maru, a Japanese trading steamer of 500 tons; they also learned that four Japanese destroyers had put to sea that day, which caused the squadron to return to port. However it went out again next day on a similar cruise, and in addition to a small trading schooner, it captured and sank the transport Kinshiu Maru of 5000 tons, which had only just parted from her escort of torpedo boats owing to fog. The transport had on board coal and ammunition for the fleet and also some troops, 73 of whom refused to surrender and sank with the vessel, the Russians capturing 210 prisoners, but 54 Japanese succeeded in reaching shore near Gensan. Whilst returning to Vladivostok, a wireless message, passing between Japanese war-ships, was picked up, but being in cipher could not be read. Hurrying back the Russian squadron succeeded in reaching port safely, all but the Bogatyr, a 1st Class cruiser with a speed of 23 knots, which ran on the rocks in the fog, and had subsequently to be blown up. A Japanese fleet of ten cruisers and six destroyers was making for Vladivostok at the time, but the fogs which prevail off the coast at this time of year allowed the enemy to escape, and the Japanese anchored in Ussuri Bay close by. It is stated they have formed a Naval base at Port Lazareff, the Northern arm of the Bay of Gensan, and have practically bottled up the Russian squadron in Vladivostok, which is reported to be very short of provisions. More bad luck befell the Japanese, for whilst destroying Russian mines near Talienwan on May 12th, a torpedo boat was accidentally blown up. It was known that the Russians had lately been laying mines outside Port Arthur, and on two of these, 11 miles S.E. of that place on May 16th the battleship Hatsuse struck and sank with over 400 men; on the same day the battleship Kasuga rammed the Yoshino, an old cruiser, in a fog off the Shautung Promontory, and the latter sank in two minutes with nearly 300 men on board.

The comparative strength of the two fleets is now apparently :—

Japan	Russia.
5 battleships	2 battleships (bottled up in
8 armoured cruisers	Port Arthur.)
17 protected do.	2 armoured cruisers.
50 torpedo craft.	1 protected cruiser.
	About 20 torpedo craft.

If this be correct, Japan holds command of the Eastern seas.

A great deal of talk and excitement has gone on over the projected despatch to the Far East on July 15th of the Baltic Fleet, which was to consist of 5 battleships, 5 cruisers, and about 20 torpedo boats. The scheme was to send colliers under escort round the Cape of Good Hope to Eastern waters, whilst the warships proceeded through the Suez Canal to meet them. But it is now stated that Russia has abandoned the idea of risking this fleet, and has cancelled all her coal contracts. With what a sigh of relief Japan must have heard this!

Russia however has bought from Germany a number of fast mail steamers which she proposes to convert into commerce destroyers to prey upon the Japanese; in England she is buying steamers to act as troopships (whither are the troops to go, we wonder!), and it is further reported she is trying to purchase several cruisers from the Argentine Republic.

The Japanese are also buying steamers in Europe, and doubtless they know where to put their hands on more war vessels should it become necessary.

What reinforcements the Russians have brought to the front is not known, but the English correspondent of the *Daily Mail* wired from Kharbin on April 13th that seven trains carrying 4000 troops were arriving there daily from the West. Assuming that this has been going on for three months, the Russians cannot have less than 450,000 men in Manchuria, but it must be remembered that seven trains a day is the full capacity of the Siberian line, and the calculation makes no allowance for supply trains.

Although the Russians are looting cattle and grain everywhere in Manchuria, the task of supplying 450,000 men and probably 150,000 horses is a formidable one, and quite beyond the capacity of the single line of railway The new line round Lake Baikal will not be finished until August at the earliest, and meanwhile experts state that the supply of 300,000 men and 100,000 horses is the utmost the Russians can hope for. If all is true which is stated about the appalling amount of disease at Kharbin and amongst the Russian troops, it will be difficult for them to keep up to the figure of 300,000.

Another source of embarrassment to Russia is the attitude of China, who objects to the presence of Russian troops West of the Liao River, and is justly irritated at their ill-treatment and robbery of her subjects in Manchuria. China has 30,000 of her best troops on the right rear of the Russian Army, and her Generals report increasing difficulty in keeping their men in hand. The Russians object strongly to the presence of Japanese officers with these troops, but as long as they continue to violate Chinese territory, the force of

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their protest is much weakened. No doubt they think it is from this side come the spies who make attempts on the railway, two of whom were executed on April 21st, and attribute to the machinations of the Japanese Agents the increasing boldness of the Tungusi and Manchurian brigands. There are also sinister rumours on the part of of the Tsai-li society, which aims at the suppression of all foreigners, and receives encouragement from the continued misfortunes of Russia, the only power really feared in China.

In other respects things are not going well for Russia. We hear of attempts to blow up two warships being built near St. Petersburg, of the careless building of the Orel, a new battleship which sank in consequence near Kronstadt, but has since been raised, of incendiary fires in the Kronstadt dockyard, which are, however, explained as attempts of guilty supply officials to conceal their defalcations. We read of political troubles in Poland, of the wholesale hanging of 600 revolutionaries at Warsaw, of 80 at Moscow, and others at Kronstadt, but these are officially denied. Moreover it is officially admitted that the corruption in the provision of supplies and stores for the forces in Manchuria is past belief. Crop prospects in Russia are bad, and commercial circles there have the gloomiest anticipations as to the outcome of the war.

However, there is a silvery lining to every cloud. Germany, or rather the Emperor William, shows increasing signs of benevolent neutrality towards Russia, and the Yellow Peril campaign started in several European countries tends to the advantage of Russia.

Strenuous efforts are being made to promote an understanding between Great Britian and Russia with the object of detaching the former from her ally Japan, but as Russia has nothing to offer us, except assurances and promises not worth the paper or breath expended in making them, and as we have so much we can give her, it is not likely to come to much.

Both belligerents have been "raising the wind." Japan has most successfully floated a loan of £10,000,000 in London and New York, and a domestic one of equal amount has also been agreed on. Influenced probably by the heavy losses in ships and docks, and possibly by the sinking of £1,250,000 in the wreck of the Petropavlosk, Russia is also borrowing on the Continent £32,000,000.

The reckless strewing of mines in the high seas by the Russians has become the subject of diplomatic protest by Great Britian and America, for the navigation of the China Sea by merchant vessels has already become extremely dangerous by reason of these terrible engines of war floating about with the currents.

Protests have also been made against the Russian announcement that newspaper correspondents unacredited to either belligerents, and caught by them using wireless telegraphy will be treated as spies. We would not go so far as this, but there should be an agreement amongst the Powers severely limiting the use of wireless telegraphy by unacredited correspondents within a fixed radius of the scene of warlike operations. It is intolerable that the scheme of operations of a Power at war may be given away to its adversary by an irresponsible newspaper correspondent using wireless telegraphy from neutral ships or neutral territory.

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History and Description of Purandhar.

18° 17′ North Lat. and 74° 2′ East Longitude, 2566 feet above the Poona plain, and 4472 feet above the sea, is a famous fortified hill which gives its name to a sub-division whose head-quarters are at Sasvad, about six miles to the N.E. of the hill fort.

It is the loftiest peak in a range of hills about 20 miles S.E. of Poona. From the South slopes of the Singhad-Bhuleswar hills near the Katraj Pass, and about ten miles South of Poona, a spur strikes S.E., and rises into a group of five towering peaks, Purandhar, Vizirghad, Boruka, Bondelgad and Suryaparvat Purandhar lies about twenty miles S.E. of Poona by the Bapdev Pass, and Sasvad. The Sasvad route is alone fit for carriages. From the travellers' bungalow at Sasvad, a very fine road, broken in places by stream beds, leads about six miles S.W. to the foot of Purandhar hill. From Peshwa's mansion at Sasvad, Purandhar appears less lofty than Vazirghad, which stands slightly in advance and partly hides the loftier hill.

From the Bapdev approach, which alone shows their true features, the hog backed Vizirghad and the saddled backed Purandhar are separate, except for one narrow ridge.

Purandhar is the larger, higher, and more important of the two hills. From the top of the Bapdev Pass a 20 mile long road leads by the village Chambli to Purandhar.

As they are neared, the basalt summit wall of both hills is seen to be crowned with a masonry ruin studded here and there with bastions.

Purandhar, the larger and higher, is varied by two risings, on the higher of which, the loftiest point of the range, is a Mahadev Temple. The hill on which the temple stands is part of the upper fort of Purandhar, while on its northern face, 300 feet below the temple and upwards of a 1,000 feet above the plain, runs a level terrace on which stands the Military Cantonment, flanked on the East by the Barracks, and on the West by the Hospital.

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The northern edge of the terrace is defended by a low wall with several semi-circular bastions, and a gate flanked by two towers. This is called the "Machi" or terrace fort. At the foot of the hill is a well-built rest house, from which ascent is by an easy wide road with a gradient of one in eight. Half way up the road branches to the right and left, the right branch leading to the Hospital, and the left to the Store Gate in the centre of the Cantonment, and to the Barracks. From the middle of the Cantonment a winding road about 830 yards long runs towards the upper fort and ends in a flight of rude steps, which wind between a loop-holed wall of masonry, and the basalt cliff on which the fort stands. A sharp turn leads suddenly to the Delhi Gate flanked by solid bastion towers. Passing left from the Delhi Gate the path goes along a narrow ridge, flanked on each side by a looped-hole wall, which in some places is eight feet wide, and with a sheer fall on either side of 300 feet, leads to the Kand-kada, or sky scraper bastion, the most easterly point of Purandhar ; commanding a view of Vazirghad and the Bottle Hill, and across the rich Bhima Valley to the distant Mahadev range.

Here is a bungalow, the oldest in the fort, built by Col. Leeson. Near the bungalow is a small reservoir and postern gate called Chor Dondi Darvaja or Secret Gate. Going back to the Delhi Gate the path leads up to the Ganesh Darvaja, passing by a small chamber in the thickest part of the right hand flanking, where Sahajee the father of Shivajee was confined in 1649 by Mahomed (1626-56), the seventh Adil Shahi king. On the left is a ruined figure of Ganesh which gives its name to the gate. Through a third gate with a bastion on the right called the Bavata Buruj or Banner Bastion, the way leads to the bomb proof building, once a granary, and now the summer residence of the Chaplain. Near the granary rises a solid mass of masonry, the site of a place said to have been built by Abajee Purandharee, the founder of the great Purandharee family of Deshasth Brahmins, who were closely allied with the Peshwa's family. A little further on is a bungalow called the Eagle's Nest, and slightly behind it a mosque. The path continues towards the west with, on the left, two small covered cisterns looking like tombs, and used during the sieges to hold oil and clarified butter for the garrison, while on the right is a building used as a bomb-proof magazine under the shelter of one of the two great risings which mark Purandhar. This rising is called either Love's Seat or the Raja's Vada, that is King's Palace, as Shahu (1708-49) the grandson of Shivajee began to build a palace here. A little further on the left is a beautiful reservoir called the Mahasoba Taki; it runs from a little rock and is fed with springs which furnish drinking water for the bulk of the people throughout the hot season. A little beyond the cistern are two rock cut chambers used as dungeons, above runs a rough path to the spur that joins the Raja's Vada eminence with its temple crowned peaks. This spur ends at the foot of a fine flight of masonry steps arranged in seats of five, with a lofty stone wall on either side of them. The steps lead to an equally beautiful built platform which covers the eminence, and from it rises a temple of Mahadev, built by the first Purandharee. Going back to the beginning of the ascent, the way leads past the ruins of Mhar's houses to the Khadda Darvaja, built by one of the Peshwas for the temple priest. Slightly in advance and ending in a spur is a ruin of a bastion called Fatteh Buruj, or Victory Bastion. From this bastion the garrison are supposed to have leaped, about the year 1790, when surprised by one Kevroji Naik.

Following the narrow path that runs along the back of a spur on the extreme south-west of the fort, a bastion called Konkani Bastion rises 300 feet sheer. Near this bastion is a bomb-proof chamber able to hold twenty men, from which criminals folded in country blankets with their head and feet uncovered used to be hurled into the "Kedelol" or precipice rolling form of death. Further to the N.W. is a temple bastion rudely shaped like an Elephant's head called the Hatti Bastion. Pass this bastion, and the way leads by two deep rock cut cisterns to the Shendi-Buruj, under which, when it was built, a married pair were buried alive. According to two copper-plates found in the Commission office, the foundation of the Shendi-Buruj several times gave way, and the king of Bedar dreamt that unless a first born son and his wife were sacrificed on the spot, the foundation would never be sure. On awakening the king sent for the grantee Esaji Naik Chire, who brought one Naith Naik and his wife Deoki, and the two were buried alive on the dark night of Ashvin or September or October. At the same time fifty thousand gold bricks, each brick weighing about twenty four rupees weight or "tolas" were put 25,000 each in two holes to the right and left of the tower foundation, each hole about thirty feet square and twelve feet deep. The work was then finished, the king came to see the bastion, conferred the fort on Esaji Naik, and granted two villages worth about £364 (910 huns) to the father of the buried boy. From the Shendi Bastion the way leads to a fine reservoir on the right called Sakhari Talao or the Sugar Reservoir. A little beyond the reservoir is a stone wall and a few yards further is a good stone house used as a granary, and said to have been built by Madhavrao, the Fourth Peshwa (1761-72).—*(To be continued).*

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Sergeants' Mess Billiard Handicap.

To break the somewhat hot and monotonous lengthy summer days, a Billiard Handicap was indulged in by the members of the above. Considering the number that play billiards in the mess, the entries were good, some thirty competitors toeing the line. The games for the most part were exceedingly interesting, and very stubbornly contested. Sergeant Brash, the winner and scorer of the highest break (32), deserves great credit for the way he played throughout the Tournament, he having met and beaten some of the best players of the mess. Owing to a slight attack of fever Sergeant-Major Ditcham had to scratch to his opponent in the second round. The following are the results :—

1st Round.		Result.
Cr. Sgt. Tyndall	(20) beat Sgt. Milne	(100) 200 to 137
Lc. Sgt. McCallum	(20) beat Sgt. Buchanan	(30) 200 to 188)
Cr. Sgt. McMaster	(20) beat Pr. Maj. Lynch	(40) 200 to 169
Qr. Mr. Sgt. Weller	(30) beat Qr.Mr. Sgt. Daniel	(scratch) 200 to 229
Sgt. Major Ditcham	(30) beat Sgt. White	(80) 250 to 107
Sgt. Wallace	(30) beat Lce. Sgt. Lawrie	(scratch) 200 to 171
Sgt. Crawford	(20) beat Sgt. McCrae	(60) 240 to 191
Lce. Sgt. Balfour	(80) beat Sgt. Macqueen	(50) 200 to 159
Cr. Sgt. Arnott	(30) beat Sgt. Frazer	(80) 200 to 178
Sgt. Peggie	(scratch) beat Lce. Sgt. Bertram	(100) 200 to 174
Sgt. Brash	(20) beat Sgt. Mahoney	(20) 200 to 165
Sgt. Phimister	(scratch) beat Sgt. Gibb	(10) 210 to 189
Sgt. Sutherland	(20) beat Sgt. Dr. Duff	(40) 220 to 171)
Cr. Sgt. Ewan	(20) beat Sgt. Macdonald	(80) 260 to 110
Ar. Sgt. Wood	(50) beat Lce. Sgt. Alder	(60) 210 to 133

2nd Round.		Result.
Sgt. Brash	beat Sgt. Peggie	200 to 216
Qr. Mr. Sgt. Weller	beat Sgt. Sutherland	200 to 199
Sgt. Major Ditcham	scratched to Sgt. Phimister	
Cr. Sgt. Ewan	beat Cr. Sgt. Arnott	200 to 176
Sgt. Wallace	beat Lce. Sgt. Balfour	200 to 118
Cr. Sgt. McMaster	beat Sgt. Crawford	200 to 169
Lce. Sgt. McCallum	beat Cr. Sgt. Tyndall	200 to 189
Ar. Sgt. Wood a bye.		

3rd Round.		
Lce. Sgt. McCallum	beat Qr. Mr. Sgt. Weller	200 to 194
Sgt. Phimister	beat Ar. Sgt. Wood	250 to 179
Sgt. Brush	beat Cr. Sgt. Ewan	200 to 182
Cr. Sgt. McMaster	beat Sgt. Wallace	210 to 195

Semi-Finae.		
Sgt. Brash	beat Lce. Sgt. McCallum	200 to 142
Sgt. Phimister	beat Cr. Sgt. McMaster	220 to 173

Final.		
Sgt. Brash	beat Sgt. Phimister	200 to 188

What the Parrot is saying.

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[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT an Indian pig kens hoo' tae tak' the breeks afe a Heelandman.
That a gram bag makes an ideal bed cot.
That he ca'd me "an unpronounsable Scot."
That his cousin at Purandhar canna' speak yet.
That "B" kens aw' aboot it noo'.
That he'll no be sae long ago till he gets anither Badge.
That he wants to ken whaur the lemonade-bottle shop is.
That he was digging for holes.
That they took his South African gratitude afe him.
That it wis much cooler looking on than watchin' it.
That "A" Company was the best battalion in the 91st.
That he wis gettin sae thin, he could easy run messages up a gas pipe.
That if a' wis executed like you a' could tak ma' first.
That he wis on it a month and six weeks.
That he was off his week for a work.

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Home and Depot Notes.

One of the last of the few remaining veterans of the "The Thin Red Line" passed away in Aberdeen in the person of Mr. William Duguid, a pensioner of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The deceased, whose soldierly figure and bearded visage were very familiar to the present generation of citizens, was a native of Aberdeen, and had attained the age of 72 years. His father, a moulder, was employed at the Spring-Garden Foundry, but the deceased learned the trade of shoemaker. He enlisted in the 93rd Highlanders in 1853, and sailed with his regiment from Devonport for the Crimea on the 28th February, 1854. He was present at the battles of Alma and Balaklava, and at many of the operations around Sevastopol. Mr. Duguid, who was a man of much intelligence, was able graphically to describe his military experiences. His description of the manner in which the 93rd—The "Thin Red Line," as Kinglake picturesquely called it—covered itself with glory at Balaklava was particularly vivid and realistic.

The deceased did not escape scatheless during the campaign, having been wounded several times. At the close of the war Duguid returned with the 93rd to England, and was for a time stationed at Dover. The battalion was ordered to China, but on reaching the Cape the destination was

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changed for India, where the Mutiny had broken out. The deceased again took part in some severe fighting, including the relief and capture of Lucknow, and the engagement 450 miles up country at the Umballa Pass. On returning to the United Kingdom about 1864 he joined the 109th Regiment (Bombay Infantry), now the Prince of Wales' Leinster Regiment, and served for the next ten years at Cork, Bombay, Aden, Poona, Karachi, Mooltan, and Delhi. While with the 109th one of his officers was the present General Sir Alexander Reid, K.C.B., and the veteran had many pleasant reminiscences of the distinguished soldier, who never came to Aberdeen without asking his old comrade-in-arms to visit him. Private Duguid possessed four Medals and the clasps for Alma, Balaklava, Sevastopol, Relief of Lucknow, Capture of Lucknow, and Umballa Pass. He obtained his discharge in 1874, and returned to Aberdeen, where he resumed his trade of shoemaker, working in turn with several firms, but latterly with Messrs. Porter and Leighton. The deceased, who enjoyed good health almost to the last, succumbed to an internal trouble. He married his cousin, Mary Duguid, who was along with him for many years in India. The funeral took place from the house in Minister Lane to Nellfield Cemetery, and a carrying party of the Gordon Highlanders from Castlehill Barracks attended.

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Alloa has never been behind in the matter of making provision for what may be termed the recreative life of the community. Lately the universal revival of interest in all matters affecting the physical "cult" has found the burgh of "Forefront" motto, well prepared with up-to-date facilities. The magnificient public gymnasium was, it may be remembered, donated six years ago as part of the imposing pile of buildings situated in Primrose Street by Mr. John Thomson-Paton of Norwood, Alloa's princely philanthropist. It is equipped with every modern appliance, suited to the needs of the aspiring expert in gymnastics, and all forms of indoor athletics. During the past winter session it has proved immensely popular among the youth of the place, even the fair sex being represented in the number of its enthusiasts.

The instructor is a first-class, all-round gymnast. A Dundonian by birth, at the age of 18 he enlisted into the 91st. Drafted to India shortly after, the regimental gymnasium soon found him an apt performer, and on 15th April, 1896, he passed with credit his qualifying examination in gymnastics and fencing at Umballa. Since returning to Bonnie Scotland, he was appointed in 1901 instructor on board the Mars Training Ship at Newport. Subsequently he held the appointment of Instructor in the Public Gymnasium College, Dundee, and has latterly had charge of the classes connected with the Alloa Public Baths Gymnasium.

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From The Military Mail :—The Army Council has had under consideration the question of making musketry practice more interesting to the soldier, with the result that a detail of practices of a noval character has been issued for the guidance of commanding officers and others responsible for the musketry training of the Army. In the scheme are the following items :—

Rapid.—Teams of four per company, under a non-commissioned officer (all of whom will fire) : Fall in at 300 yards, advance as rapidly as possible to 200 yards, in one minute fire as many rounds as possible.

Skirmishing Practice.—Company teams of five, under a non-commissioned officer, extended to ten paces, advance from 600 to 400 yards, taking advantage of cover ; target to appear eight times for ten seconds each during advance; ten rounds in five minutes.

Snap Shooting.—Company teams of five privates under a non-commissioned officer ; 200 yards, seven rounds, magazine fire ; target exposed four seconds each time.

Vanishing Figure.—Company teams of five privates and one non-commissioned officer ; advancing in extended order from 600 yards ; two rounds will be fired at each halt.

Surmounting obstacles and firing with time limit.—Company teams of five privates, under a non-commissioned officer ; advancing from 400 to 200 yards, surmounting four obstacles ; two minutes allowed.

Falling Targets.—Company teams of five privates, under a non-commissioned officer ; magazine fire ; the men advancing 100 yards to firing point ; time, two minutes ; unknown distance.

Magazine Fire.—Company teams of five privates at 200, 300, and 500 yards ; five rounds in 30 seconds at each distance.

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An interesting Saturday afternoon's manœuvres was carried out in April by Rifle Volunteers, Artillery, and Yeomanry belonging to Stirling and neighbourhood and Stenhousemuir, the corps represented being, the Stirling Troop of Fife and Forfar I.Y., the 13th Coy. R.G.A. (Vols.), Stirling, A and B Coys. (Stirling), 4th V.B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and H and I Coys. (Stenhousemuir) of the same battalion. The operations took place midway between Stirling and Stenhousemuir, a little to the north of Cowie village, the attacking and defending forces previous to taking up their positions having to march about six miles. The Stirling detachment, which numbered about 200 of all ranks, was under the command of Major Simpson; Lieut. Younger, Alloa, commanded the mounted troops, numbering about 33 ; while the Stenhousemuir detachment was under the command of Capt. Allan. Major Mitchell, of Luscar, of the Fife and Forfar I.Y., and Capt. Maclean, adjutant of the Stirlingshire Vols., acted as umpires.

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The following is the Indian Army Order, 219 of 28th March, 1904, to which the attention of O.C. Companies has been drawn :—

MUSKETRY COURSE—BRITISH TROOPS.

The Commander-in-Chief directs the following Annual Course of Musketry of British Troops in India for 1904-05, and the paras. of the Musketry Regulations (prov.) 1903, quoted will be altered accordingly :—

I.—TABLE B.

After "practice" 9 insert—

9—A Independent, 1st Class ..... 800 7 lying
9—B ,, ,, ... 1,000 7 ,,

After column 5 insert a new column "Qualifying points before a man may proceed to the next practice," and opposite each practice insert as follows :—

1 Practice	...	...	...14 points
2 do.	...	...	...12 do.
3 do.	...	...	...16 do.
4 do.	...	...	...12 do.
5 do.	...	...	...16 do.
6 do.	...	...	...16 do.
7 do.	...	...	...12 do.
8 do.	...	...	...16 do.
9 do.	...	...	...12 do,
9—A Practice	...	...	...12 do.
9—B Practice	...	...	... 8 do.

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Add a note to page 11 :—

"3. Four rounds at each of the following practices will be fired with the use of cover and rests such as would be met with on service ;—1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9—A Rests may be used in all the remaining practices of Table B. (Page 12), Cavalry armed with the rifle will execute practices 9—A and Table B.

Classification will be as laid down in the Musketry Regulations. Practices 9—A and 9—B (800 and 1000 yards) *will not be included in calculating classification or the figure of merit, and only the scores made the first time a man fires at each practice will be taken into account.*

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(Page 13.) Ammunition for practices 9—A and 9—B will be taken from that laid down for Part III. or from the points of surplus Ammunition made by Lieut.-Generals Commanding.

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(Para. 124). In the Independent practices of the Annual Course, sighting shots are allowed if ammunition for the purpose can be found regimentally.

The object of target practice is to improve each man's shooting, and one or two sighting shots will often enable a man to find the sighting that is required for the wind, light, etc., prevailing at the time; but, if they are to be of any use, each man must fire his sighting shots immediately before conditions of wind, etc., are changed.

The value of the sighting shots will be recorded in the register, and added to the total with a view to comparing the register with the target, but they will not be credited to the soldier, nor to the total of the section in preparing the figure of merit.

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Para. 126 Cancelled.

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Para. 136. Colouring or marking the sights with paint or pencil or the use of any addition such as paper sights or wind guages are prohibited. There is no objection on a bright day, or when the browning has been rubbed off, the sights being blackened by smoke.

A Tale of the Indian Mutiny.

The Representative of the "Highland News" again visited the Home of Corporal Macdonald and heard from him this time the stirring story of the dark days of the Indian Mutiny. Resuming where he cut his narrative short at the last interview, the veteran said :—

As I already told you, we arrived at Dover, after our Crimean experiences, in July, 1856, and remained there till June of the following year, when the regiment was ordered for active service in China. The date of embarkation was the 20th of June, and her late Majesty, along with several other members of the Royal Family, came to see us and bid us farewell. We were the first regiment ordered on active service after the Crimea.

On our way out, however, the order was countermanded, and on arrival at the Cape we were told to proceed to India to take part in the quelling of the Mutiny, which had just broken out. On 20th of September we arrived at Calcutta, and from thence to Chinsurah, after a voyage of three months, our vessel being the transport "Mauritius," and I can assure you we were not sorry on once more setting foot on terra firma, although, on the whole, we had a jolly enough time of it, under the circumstances, during the voyage. The personnel of the regiment was perhaps somewhat more mixed than when we set out for the Crimea, there being no less than 700 who were able to speak Gaelic on the muster-roll then. We were mostly Highlanders, and amongst us were many who had gone through the Crimea from first to last.

We started on our long, weary march to Lucknow, covering every step of the road by night, fording the rivers, as most of the bridges had been destroyed by the rebels. On the 2nd November we engaged theenemy at Bonnee Bridge, which was our first engagement in the Mutiny. Arriving at Cawnpore, we crossed the Ganges into Oude.

On our arrival at Allumbaugh there occurred one of the most touching incidents of the Mutiny, viz., the re-union (if I may be allowed the expression) of Sir Colin and his old regiment, for here we were joined by the gallant old Brigadier, still looking fresh and fit as when he led us on to victory against the Muscovite hosts amid Crimean snows. Never will I forget the scene that day when the old man rode along the line. He seemed much touched as he looked upon us, and I need hardly tell you that we in turn were equally impressed. I can still distinctly remember with what a thrill of joy I viewed my old chief, and my feelings on that occasion were, I doubt not, shared by all my comrades-in-arms. We still remembered his farewell on leaving the Crimea, when he said that he was an old man, and never

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more did he hope to lead us on to victory again. That day at Allumbaugh gave us fresh courage—and here I may say that none but the soldier knows what inspiration there is in the sight of an old and tried commander in the hour of danger—and the charge which Sir Colin laid upon our shoulders made us resolve to win fresh laurels. He said, "Highlanders, there is great work before us." We gave the old Brigadier three long ringing cheers, and with one united voice shouted, "We will do the work, Sir Colin." Our force was very small, consisting of the 93rd Highlanders, one wing of the 53rd Regiment, and the 4th Punjab Native Rifles.

We then started on a great flank march, and got to Secunderabad on the 16th November. We stormed it at the point of the bayonet—a piece of dreadful work that even at this distant date I cannot recall without a feeling of horror. The 93rd suffered severely, losing 114 rank and file and nine officers. After the place had been completely silenced 1857 Sepoys were taken out and buried. The Massacre of Cawnpore was that day nobly avenged. I cannot pass from this without referring to the admirable services rendered by Captain Peel's Naval Brigade—as gallant a lot of fellows as ever I saw—during the fight. With their guns they opened the breaches to permit us to get at the black devils within. Later on the same day the Shaeneujef was stormed and taken in a similar manner, the Naval men here also opening the way for us.

I might perhaps just mention that at the storming of Shaeneujef, and pretty well on in the evening, I observed an Inverness man named John Maclean, who had been shot by a poisoned arrow—a weapon much used by the enemy—lying outside the place. Along with four men I went out for him under an exceedingly heavy fire. He was hoisted on to my back, and as hurriedly as possible under the circumstances I rushed with him under cover; but when I laid him down it was found he was dead. The other men were of the opinion, and, indeed, so was I myself, that the poor fellow must have got another wound while on my back.

'Tis the pibroch Diarmid played ages ago,
'Tis the slogan Clan Alpine still hurls at the foe—
The Campbells are coming, Macgregor is near,
Oh! dinna ye hear it yet—dinna ye hear?"

Never did the sound of our mountain music sound so sweet to any one as it did in the ears of the beleaguered garrison at that supreme moment and on that ever-memorable occasion. Books have been written describing the day's proceedings, so that it is altogether unnecessary for me to enter into the details of the day's work. That it was a good day's work I think no one will deny, and as one who took a humble part in it, I feel honoured in thus having been able to serve my Queen and my country at one of the darkest moments recorded in history. In the morning, then, of the 17th November, 1857, Sir Colin Campbell and Havelock met, and Lucknow was relieved, but, unfortunately, not yet in the British possession. Here again the "handy men" opened the way for us, and it would have melted the heart of the hardest man living to have seen the ecstacy with which we were received by those inside.

The night of the 17th November, after we got into the Residency, I had to undertake a duty which—I say it without egotism—was perhaps one of the most responsible ever laid on the shoulders of any soldier, for I was commanded by Brigadier the Hon. Adrian Hope to get six men and guard a bridge on the River Goomtee, on the outskirts of Lucknow, and I yet seem to hear the clear ringing voice of the Commander, "Remember, Macdonald, that this night the lives of the regiment are in your hands." "We will do our duty, sir," was my reply. It was, I can assure you, a night of terror, with the demoniac shouts of the enemy ringing in our ears. We were not attacked, however, during the night, and at daybreak next morning we joined the regiment. After a few days' stalking about the outskirts of the town, having shots at the enemy, we retired in silence at midnight, after taking all the besieged along with us and placing them in safety with the 78th.

We encamped on the plain for a few days, and enjoyed a little rest, which was of short duration, however, for an order came to march to Cawnpore, which was again in the hands of the enemy.

Here an incident occurred which is, I think, worth recording. I was sent out to warn the officer on the outpost duty to join the regiment at daybreak next morning. I did so, but on my return journey lost my way although I had a native guide with me. The camp fires confused us, and we got close on to the enemy in the dark. The guide, however, was true as steel, and did not desert me in my extremity. As there was nothing else for it, I scrambled up into a tree which was thick with foliage, while he, like a faithful collie, lay crouching at the bottom of it. In this position we remained all night, dreading discovery every moment. Imagine my delight, just before dawn on hearing the welcome sound of "Johnnie Cope." I immediately left my hiding-place and removed my shoes, and you ought to have seen the race the guide and I had for the lines, both arriving in 'neck-and-neck.' We found the regiment ready for the march. We struck tents and set out for Cawnpore, a distance of fifty miles or so—a forced march under a burning sun. When we arrived in sight of Cawnpore we lay down for a short time, and each man got a dram of rum, which was much enjoyed.

(To be Continued).

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Ninety-Third Calendar for June, 1904.

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1 W. Battalion 1,175 strong, fully armed and equipped for field service—Curragh, 1878.

2 Th. Lieut.-Genl. William Sutherland d. Colonel 1862.

3 F. Nos. 3, 7, and 8 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Adrian Hope, emb. Plymouth on *Belleisle*, for China, 1857. Lieut-General Alex. Fisher Macintosh, K. H. Colonel, 1862,

4 S. Col. George Johnstone, Major-General, 1814, Lieut-General Sir Thos. Hislop, Bart., G.C.B. to 51st Foot, 1822, Lieut-General Sir Hudson Lowe, K.C.B., Colonel 1822, Head-quarters and remainder Companies under Lieut-Col. Leith Hay, reviewed at Gosport by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Lieut-Genl. William Sutherland, Colonel, 1860,

5 S. Become holders for one year of the Beatty Challenge Shield, 1900.

6 M.

7 Tu.

8 W.

9 Th. Re-embarked Yenikale for Balaklava, 1855.

10 F. Attack on the Political Officer's escort at Maizar, Waziristan, 1897.

11 S.

12 S.

13 M. Sailed with 1st Division to Varna, 1854.

14 Th. Portsmouth to Woking, 1853.

15 W. Disembarked Plymouth from Cape, 1814; strength 52 sergeants, 22 Drummers, 944 men. Landed Varna, 1854. Aberdeen to Edinburgh Castle, 1871.

16 Th. Re-embarked Crimea on H.M.S. *Sidon* for England, 1856; Headquarters, embarked Portsmouth on S. S. *Mauritius* for China, 1857.

17 F. Right Wing Team win, Ranikhet Football Tournament, 1901. Lieut.-General Sir George Luck, K.C.B., named new Drill Square and Recreation Ground at Ranikhet "The Sutherland Recreation Ground," 1901.

18 S. First assault on Sebastopol, 1855 (93rd in position on Woronzoff Rd.). Orders to mobilise for Tochi Expedition received, Nowshera, 1897.

19 S.

20 M.

21 Tu. Thermometer registered 119° in heavily shaded verandah of officers' quarters, Nowshera, 1896. Detachment from Cherat rejoined head-quarters for Tochi F.F. 1897.

22 W.

23 Th.

24 F. Royal Review at Windsor before Her Majesty and the Shah of Persia, 1813.

25 S.

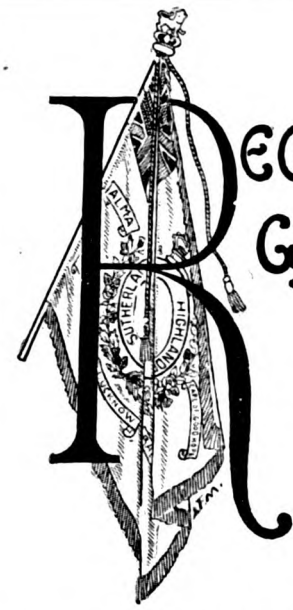
26 S. Inspection by General Ellis, Commanding Peshawar District, before proceeding on Field Service, 1897.

27 M. Left Nowshera in two troop trains for Kushalgarh, 1897; strength, 775. John Hasluck Campbell, Lieut-Col., 1899.

28 Tu. Detrained Kushalgarh, 1897, and left same evening for Edwardesabad.

29 W.

30 Th.



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PROMOTIONS.

To be Acting Corporal with pay of Rank:—No. 5170 Lance Corporal W. Jamieson, "A" Company, dated 26th January, 1904. No. 5132 Lance Corporal F. Wainwright, "F" Company, dated 24th February, 1904.

PAY OF RANK.

To be Acting Lance Sergeants with pay of Rank:—No. 6098 Corporal T. Young, "A" Company, dated 24th February, 1904. No. 5490 Corporal S. Smith, "H" Company, dated 22nd March, 1904.

To be (acting) paid Lance Corporals with pay of Rank:—

No. 7698 Lance Corporal W. McCorkell, "D" Company, dated 26th January, 1904. No. 6009 Lance Corporal D. Birrell, "E" Company, dated 24th February 1904.

ANTEDATED.

Corporals:—No. 4339 Corporal F. Bracey, "F" Company, dated 14th January, 1904. No. 8200 Corporal G. D. McIntosh, "D" Company, dated 14th January, 1904. No. 4571, Corporal J. Hiddles, "D" Company, dated 20th January, 1904.

Acting paid Lance Corporals:—No. 8291 Lance Corporal G. Erskine, "F" Company, dated 14th January, 1904. No. 5031 Lance Corporal R. McKay, "A" Company, dated 14th January, 1904. No. 8077 Lance Corporal D. Finlayson, "D" Company, dated 20th January, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be provisional Lance Sergeant:—No. 2922 Corporal J. Bertram, "F" Company.

To be provisional Lance Corporal:—No. 7294 Private T. Hempseed, "F" Company.

To be Drummer:—No. 7784 Private J. Stewart, "A" Company.

To be School Assistant:—No. 4619 Private W. McKinnon, "G" Company.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

Two.—"A" Company.

No. 4975, Private W. Clarke.

"B" Company.

No. 6553 Pte. A. Rankine. | No. 3472 Pte. J. Robertson.

"C" Company.

No. 6533 Lance Corporal A. Mathieson.
No. 6613 ,, ,, G. Donaldson.
No. 6663 Drummer C. Dunne.

"E" Company.

No. 6391 Lce. Cpl. W. Melville | No. 6746 Pte. J. Wright.
No. 6541 Lance Corporal T. Scrymgeour.

"F" Company.

No. 6576 Pte. J. Chalmers | No. 6881 Pte. D. Fraser.
,, 6893 Pte. T. Smith | ,, 6884 Pte. P. Thomson.

"H" Company.

No. 4698 Pte. J. M'Intyre | No. 6657 Pte. C. Grady.

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No. 6996 Private A. Reid.

"B" Company.

No. 7104 Pte. W. Smith | No. 6421 Pte. C. Gallacher.

"C" Company.

No. 4989 Pte. G. Kerr. | No. 8013 Pte. A. Menzies.

"D" Company.

No. 8059 Pte. W. Maclay | No. 7687 Pte. A. Grady.

"E" Company.

No. 8336 Private J. Welsh.

"F" Compony.

No. 8314 Private H. Wainright.

"H" Company.

No. 5051 Private D. Donaldson.

CERTIFICATES.

Awarded 2nd Class Certificate of Education :—

No. 8404	Private	J. Elton	"A"	Company.
,, 9090	Boy	A. Petrie.	"A"	,,

Awarded 3rd Class Certificate of Education :—

No. 7670	Lance Corporal	J. Brown	"A"	Company.
,, 8077	,,	J. Finlayson	"D"	,,
,, 7977	,,	A. Blackley	"H"	,,
,, 7174	,,	W. McPherson	"H"	,,
,, 8089	,,	J. Patterson	"B"	,,
,, 9119	Private	S. Bond	"A"	,,
,, 7900	,,	T. Gallacher	"A"	,,
,, 7963	,,	G. McLeod	"A"	,,
,, 5373	,,	T. May	"A"	,,
,, 7182	,,	T. Paterson	"A"	,,
,, 7124	,,	G. White	"A"	,,
,, 4595	,,	J. Dolan	"B"	,,
,, 7101	,,	W. Andrew	"C"	,,
,, 8232	,,	H. Todd	"C"	,,
,, 7804	,,	J. Johnstone	"C"	,,
,, 8993	,,	W. McIntyre	"C"	,,
,, 9055	,,	J. Davidson	"C"	,,
,, 9160	,,	A. Galbraith	"C"	,,
,, 9127	,,	W. Blair	"C"	,,
,, 7169	,,	A. McKinnon	"C"	,,
,, 7387	,,	C. Mackenzie	"D"	,,
,, 7376	,,	T. Potter	"D"	,,
,, 5892	Drummer	J. Adams	"D"	,,
,, 7726	Private	W. O'Hare	"D"	,,
,, 7650	,,	D. Cassidy	"D"	,,
,, 7761	,,	E. Johnston	"D"	,,
,, 7999	,,	T. Muirhead	"D"	,,
,, 7842	,,	W. Walker	"D"	,,
,, 9146	,,	J. Robert	"D"	,,
,, 7177	,,	W. Reid	"D"	,,
,, 7222	,,	W. Macdonald	"E"	,,
,, 6896	,,	J. Sharp	"E"	,,
,, 6954	,,	J. Shiry	"F"	,,
,, 8074	,,	T. Henderson	"F"	,,
,, 6335	,,	L. McCreath	"F"	,,
,, 7547	,,	D. McIntosh	"F"	,,
,, 6892	,,	T. Smith	"F"	,,
,, 5935	,,	A. A. Robertson	"F"	,,
,, 9027	,,	C. Biggins	"G"	,,
,, 8073	,,	W. Fleming	"G"	,,
,, 8028	,,	J. McPherson	"G"	,,
,, 7755	,,	A. Miller	"G"	,,
,, 8356	,,	R. Anderson	"G"	,,
,, 8187	,,	J. Gilmour	"G"	,,
,, 6420	,,	T. Foster	"G"	,,
,, 7916	,,	J. McMath	"G"	,,
,, 8001	,,	J. Morrison	"H"	,,
,, 6107	,,	W. Grant	"H"	,,
,, 6029	,,	W. McIntyre	"H"	,,
,, 8287	,,	J. Quinn	"H"	,,

EXTENSIONS.

To complete Twelve Years' Service :—

No. 5551	Lance Corporal	W. Montgomery	"E"	Company.
,, 6927	Private	J. Clarke	"F"	,,
,, 8726	,,	W. Sibbald	"H"	,,
,, 5837	,,	W. Lawrence	"F"	,,

To complete eight years with the Colours ;—

"A" Company.

No. 6325	Sgt. K. Fraser	No. 7729	Pte. W. Duncan
,, 7764	Lce. Sergt. E. G. Harvey	,, 7571	Lce. Sergt. J. W. Balfour
,, 6098	Cpl. T. Young	,, 6569	,, D. McCallum
,, 9086	Lance Corporal J. Muchan	,, 7670	Lce. Cpl. J. Brown
		,, 7757	,, W. Bell
,, 8076	Pte. W. Baillie	,, 7070	Pte. A. Bain
,, 7429	,, F. Bartlett	,, 7827	,, J. Beattie
,, 7131	,, T. Blair	,, 6780	,, W. Broadfoot
,, 8029	,, D. Campbell	,, 8179	,, T. Campbell
,, 8079	,, A. Campbell	,, 7221	,, W. Clanahan
,, 7071	,, J. Connelly	,, 7723	,, J. Cullen
,, 7505	,, T. Cunnion	,, 7612	,, H. G. Davis
,, 7966	,, J. Fulton	,, 7900	,, T. Gallagher
,, 8083	,, J. Gallagher	,, 6863	,, T. Gamble
,, 8278	,, P. Gunn	,, 7566	,, J. Jardine
,, 7507	,, R. Kean	,, 8117	,, E. Lynch
,, 7736	,, H. McKellar	,, 7983	,, G. McLeod
,, 7754	,, A. McLeish	,, 6557	,, J. Miller
,, 7685	,, W. McPhee	,, 7799	,, A. Moffatt
,, 7680	,, T. Mullins	,, 6711	,, A. Nicol
,, 7203	,, J. Robertson	,, 6914	,, R. Steadman
,, 7182	,, T. Paterson	,, 7938	,, T. Stewart
,, 7784	,, J. Stewart	,, 6926	,, T. Thomson
,, 8248	,, J. Turner	,, 6027	Bandsman C. McKendrie
,, 6207	,, T. Prain		
,, 8015	,, W. Taylor	,, 9158	Pte. R. Charles
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,, 8412	,, W. Glynn	,, 8404	,, J. Elton.
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,, 6992	,, R. Moran.	,, 7818	,, T. Walker
,, 7038	,, J. McLachlan	,, 6039	,, G. Russell
,, 6531	,, R. Jamieson	,, 5980	,, P. Farrell
,, 9119	,, S. Bond	,, 7225	,, J. McAlwrath
,, 7124	,, G. White	,, 7929	,, G. Paterson
,, 6530	,, J. Kilrain	,, 6996	,, A. Reid.
,, 6162	,, J. McLaughlan	,, 6577	,, P. Martin

No. 7011 Private T. Reilly.

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,, 7896	,, W. Reid	,, 7212	,, W. Fraser
,, 7340	,, W. Law	,, 7987	,, R. Paxton
,, 7192	Lance Corporal C. Campbell	,, 6553	,, A. Rankine
		,, 7790	,, C. McGowan
,, 7372	Pte, A. Paton	,, 6684	,, J. Smith
,, 7748	,, R. Williamson	,, 7939	,, R. Miller
,, 8137	,, R. English	,, 7960	,, V. McKenzie
,, 7996	,, D. McDougall	,, 7844	,, A. Kiddie
,, 7897	,, F. Fletcher	,, 7171	,, T. Valance
,, 7791	,, W. Aiken	,, 7660	,, J. Walsh
,, 7675	,, J. Wilson	,, 7394	,, J. Valleley
,, 7176	,, G. Monaghan	,, 7102	,, C. Neil
,, 7486	,, R. Snowdon	,, 7425	,, H. Smith
,, 7942	,, J. Campbell	,, 7901	,, W. Brown
,, 7449	,, C. Hunter	,, 7200	,, D. Johnstone
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,, 6084	,, A. Roy	,, 7104	,, W. Smith
,, 8160	,, H. McRae	,, 7969	,, J. Stewart
,, 7701	,, J. Gray	,, 7995	,, J. McMahon
,, 7095	,, J. McGregor	,, 6958	,, A. Leith
,, 7378	,, M. Laird	,, 7319	,, J. Lothian
,, 7381	,, R. McFarlane	,, 7500	,, A. Ballantine
,, 7784	,, M. Burns	,, 7758	,, J. Flockhart
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,, 6990	,, H. Leinster	,, 8116	,, J. Leinster
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,, 7419 ,, D. Smith
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,, 7858 ,, C. Morrison
,, 8118 ,, P. Conway
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,, 8016 Pte. J. Stewart
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,, 8104 ,, J. Fleming
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,, 7698 ,, W. McCorkoll
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,, 7750 ,, J. Black
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,, 7496 ,, T. Burns
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,, 7217 ,, W. Stormonth
,, 5876 ,, J. Candlish
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,, 7857 ,, P. Macpherson
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,, 7085 ,, W. Elliott
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,, 6878 ,, P. Serymgeour
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,, 6271 Pte. A. Elder
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,, 6495 ,, T. Ross

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No. 5816	Pte. J. Baker	No. 7951	Pte. H. McIndewar
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,, 6172	,, F. Eite	,, 9258	,, J. Mulholland
,, 7589	,, G. Hunter	,, 8028	,, G. McPherson
,, 6747	,, E. Lyall	,, 7661	,, H. McKay
,, 7955	,, A. McMillan	,, 6105	,, J. McArthur
,, 6879	,, D. Clark	,, 5994	,, A. Rice
,, 7488	,, D. Roy	,, 8135	,, G. Thomson
,, 7762	,, J. Rankine	,, 6342	,, W. Williamson
,, 7869	,, J. Wardrope	,, 7657	,, T. Stewart
,, 7464	,, J. Paul	,, 6386	L. Sgt. J. Dougall
,, 6457	,, R. McCallum	,, 7117	Pte. J. Mulholland
,, 8182	Lance-Corporal H. Griffiths	,, 6920	,, W. Brennan
		,, 8205	,, D. Cleghorn.
,, 6074	Pte. W. Anderson	,, 7026	,, J. Gibbons
,, 7968	,, A. Buckley	,, 6319	,, J. Johnston
,, 5906	,, D. Fyffe	,, 5912	,, T. McKillop
,, 6938	,, W. Forson	,, 4842	,, J. Marshall
,, 7220	,, W. Harrison	,, 6928	,, J. Lyons
,, 5897	,, J. McGoughan	,, 6375	,, D. Donaldson
,, 7755	,, A. Miller	,, 3929	,, J. Hunter
,, 6124	Cpl. R. Silcock	,, 7080	,, D. Gow
,, 5914	Pte. A. McPherson	,, 6286	,, J. Allan
,, 6877	,, R. Calderwood	,, 6485	,, M. Nicholson

"H" Company.

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,, 6415	,, J. Caskie	,, 6032	,, J. Youngson
,, 7537	,, H. Howarth	,, 6405	Pte. T. Arthur
,, 6302	,, J. Sutherland	,, 6251	,, P. Beck
,, 7977	,, A. Blackley	,, 9233	,, J. Bowe
,, 5990	,, J. Bridges	,, 5967	,, J. Brodie
,, 6509	,, C. Cameron	,, 5733	,, J. Dawson
,, 7567	,, A. Dicker.	,, 6339	,, W. Dickson
,, 7999	,, W. Downie	,, 5987	,, W. Ferguson
,, 7407	,, W. Fyffe	,, 6107	,, W. Grant
,, 6657	,, C. Gray	,, 5903	,, J. Hamilton
,, 8211	,, T. Ingram	,, 6755	,, R. Jolly
,, 6799	,, J. Kelly	,, 8191	,, J. Lawrie
,, 7125	,, J. Logan	,, 6205	,, J. McArthur
,, 6724	,, T. McDonald	,, 7711	,, J. McDougall
,, 5949	,, J. McGillivray	,, 7738	,, A. McInnes
,, 6029	,, W. McIntyre	,, 6842	,, D. McKay
,, 5926	,, R. McKenzie	,, 6804	,, A. McLachlan
,, 6020	,, J. McMahon	,, 6677	,, C. McPherson
,, 7174	,, W. McPherson	,, 8001	,, J. Morrison
,, 6821	,, R. Palmer	,, 6139	,, T. Patterson
,, 6078	,, J. Peacock	,, 8089	,, J. Paterson
,, 7716	,, F. Pledger	,, 6609	,, J. Quinn
,, 6392	,, G. Rarity	,, 6387	,, H. Reeve
,, 6369	,, J. Robertson	,, 6181	,, J. Smith
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,, 5409	,, J. Wilson	,, 6378	,, H. Nevard
,, 5918	,, W. Hughes	,, 6344	,, F. Eskew
,, 6453	,, J. Craig	,, 7743	,, R. Wilson
,, 7739	,, G. Slaine	,, 7874	,, G. Christie

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CHANGE OF NAME.

No. 7387 Private C. Urquhart, "D" Company, has been permitted to assume the name of "Colin Mackenzie."

RESTORATION OF SERVICE.

In accordance with Para. 1842, K. R., the Service forfeited by :—No. 5656 Private A. McIntyre, "H" Company.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

At Poona.—On the 25th February, 1904, the wife of Colour Sergeant J. Ewan, of a daughter—Helen.

At Poona.—On the 25th March, 1904, the wife of Armourer Sergeant W. Wood, of a daughter—Mary Louisa.

SILVER WEDDING.

At Naas Presbyterian Church, Ireland, on the 2nd December, 1878, by the Rev. P. Shannon, Sergeant William McKenzie, 93rd Highlanders, to Ellen, youngest daughter of the late John Campbell, farmer, Upper Auchmull, Newhills, Aberdeenshire. Present Address:—Tynemouth Castle, Northumberland.

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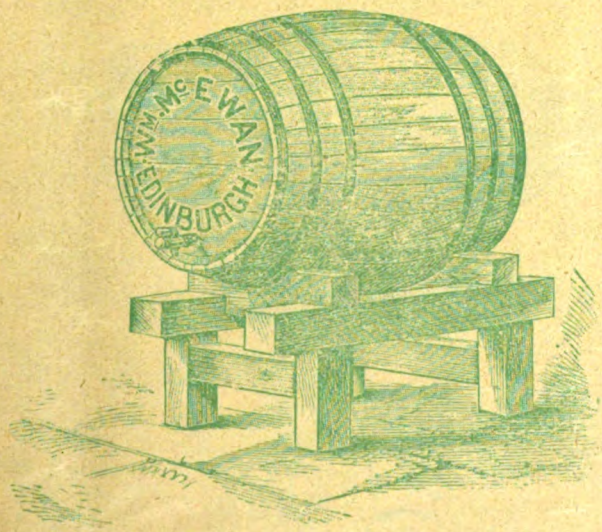

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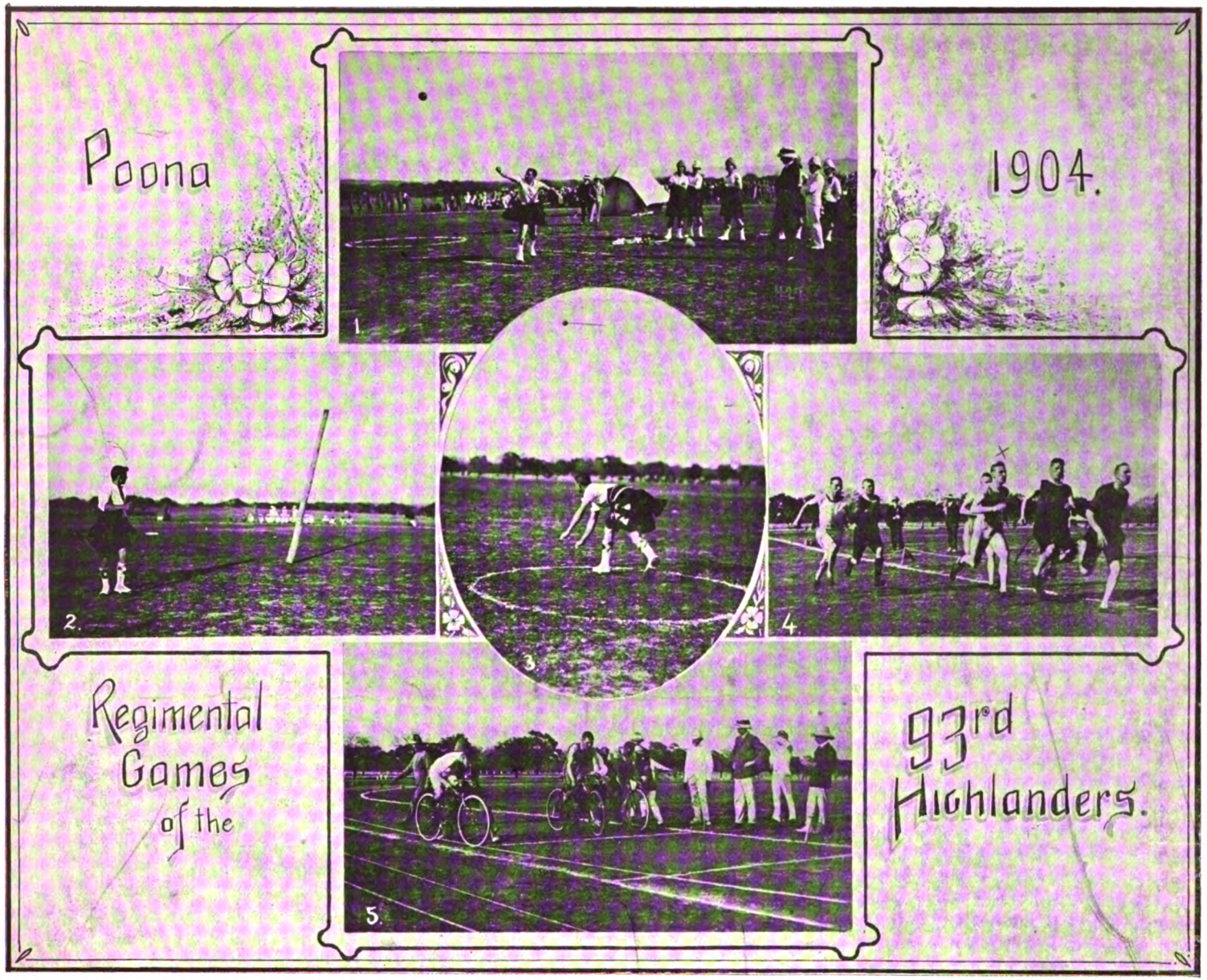

1. Private Duncan "E" Company putting the Shot. 2. Private McLaren "D" Company winning the Caber. 3. Private Gibson "C" Company winning novices Hammer.
4. The 220 Race won by Private Kean "A" Company.

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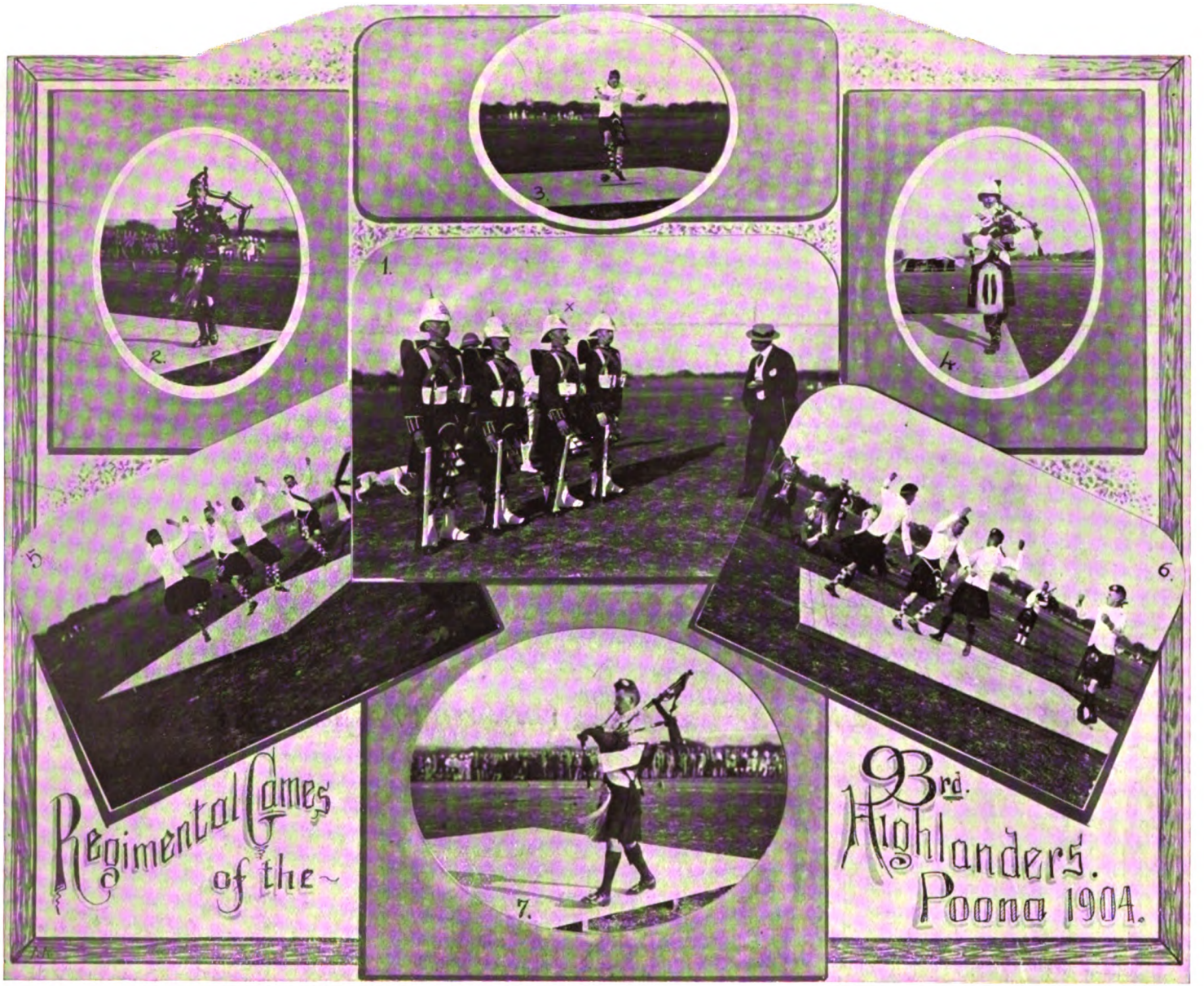

1. The best dressed Highlander won by Private McLellan "H" Company. 2. Pipe Major Duff Royal Scots. 3. Lance Corporal Cridland in the Sword Dance.
4. Pipe Major Taylor Seaforth Highlanders. 5. "A" Company's Reel Set. 6. "F" Company winning the Reel Set. 7. Pipe Major Lynch 2nd Arg: & Suth: Highl

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SKIRLS

The Troops of the Garrison assembled on the General Parade Ground on the 2nd of the month to hear the Proclamation read by General Richardson, C.B., who commanded the parade. Lord Ampthill was proclaimed Viceroy during Lord Curzon's absence. After the reading a salute of thirty-one guns was fired by one of the Kirkee Batteries. Immediately afterwards the troops dispersed.

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It must have been a decided relief to our Orderly Room and Pay Office officials to get once again into a building. Their removal from the tents, where they have been for some months while the offices were being re-roofed, was soon executed, and they are once more settled down to work in comfort.

"G" Company have led the way with musketry, being struck off for that purpose on the 20th instant. The course this year, if no more difficult so far as obtaining marksmen is concerned, is certainly destined to be a much longer one because of the amount of Repetition Practices enforced in the case of a man not being able to attain the required points at any particular distance, practice 9—A and 9—B being quite new. Many men will fire this year for the first time at 1000 yards. "G" will only go through Part I. owing to the unrepaired condition of the butts.

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The paper chases are as popular as ever, quite a number are turning out to enjoy the run. The winners on the 12th instant were, 1st, Piper Wright, "E" Company; 2nd, Private Peacock, "H" Company; 3rd, Private Gray, "H" Company. On the 26th instant, 1st, Private McArthur, "H' Company; 2nd, Corporal Campbell, "E" Company; 3rd, Private Fogg, "G" Company. Company with most in (in first 20) "G" and "H" Company.

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"B" Company completed their annual course of Gymnastics on the 21st instant, giving place to "D" in the Gymnasium.

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Colour Sergeant Durnan, who left us in February has now been placed on the Supernumerary

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List on the expiration of his three months extra regimentally employed.

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Our congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. Darroch on the birth of their son Ronald George, who was born at Poona on the 7th of May.

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We are at present very short of officers at Head Quarters, but we hope soon to be reinforced by the return of several officers from leave.

Lieut. Forbes, who is at present going through a course of Musketry at Deolali, we hope to see back early in July; and we hear that Capt. Elphinstone and Lieut. A. J. H. Maclean are sailing from Home about the middle of the month. Col. and Mrs. Paterson return from their trip to Kashmir about the same time; and 2nd Lieut. Falconar Stewart towards the end of the month.

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The Hockey Cup given in 1902 by the attached officers for competition by Company Teams was played for during the month, and fell into the hands of "G" Company, who met "F" Company, the holders, in the final and defeated them after a well contested game. A full account appears later in our columns.

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The photographs of the Regimental Games which we are presenting with this number were very kindly lent by Mr. P. Metzker out of a large selection of excellent snapshots taken by him of the principle events at the Games.

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Letters to the Editor.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It will interest our readers to hear that in a letter I received from Pte. Lillywhite, late of the Battalion, he says "that he now belongs to the R. M. Artillery band, Eastney." The letter goes on: "We are allowed lots of privileges which other line bands are not, in the matter of private arrangements, of which we have had a good many and well paid for same; as an instance I have been to concerts three nights in one week lasting two hours and received £5, *i.e.*, about £1-10 a night, not to mention minor engagements of about five shillings a time and sometimes two of these a day, so you see I have what you might call benefited myself greatly. His Majesty's Royal Yacht Band is the name we go under as we accompany them everywhere they go."

I feel sure all his comrades in the 93rd will be glad to hear of Lillywhite's success, which he well deserves, bearing as he did in the Battalion an exemplary character and being a very good musician.

Yours truly,

A. F. MACKENZIE.

Wanowrie, Poona, 19-6-04.

Regimental Games.

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We are sorry to have unavoidably left out the account of our Annual Games, which were held on the 5th and 6th April, from our last number. As noted in our May number everything went well under the management of the committee, consisting of Major Cavendish, C.M.G., Captain Hyslop, Lieutenant and Adjutant J. Kennedy, Lieutenant Forbes, Sergt.-Major Ditcham, also a Colour Sergt. or senior Sergt. to represent each company.

Colonel Paterson attended the sports on both days, and Mrs. Paterson at the conclusion gave away the prizes to the winners.

Results were as follows :—

HIGH JUMP.

	ft.	in.
1st—Corpl. Markey, "F" Coy. . .	4	10½
2nd—Lce.-Cpl. Cridland, "F" Coy.	4	9

100 YARDS RACE, (NOVICES.)

1st—Pte. Cameron, "E" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Eite, "G" Coy.
3rd—Pte. Peacock, "H" Coy.

THROWING THE HAMMER, (NOVICES).

	ft.	in.
Pte. Gibson, "C" Coy.	86	8

HALF MILE RACE, (NOVICES).

1st—Lance-Corpl. McBride "C" Coy.
2nd—Private McPhee, "E" Coy.
3rd—Private Quinn, "H" Coy.

PIPE PLAYING, (NOVICES).

1st—Piper Wright, "E" Coy.
2nd—Piper Taylor, "A" Coy.

LONG JUMP.

	ft.	in.
1st—Pte. Hogg, "C" Coy. . . .	19	1
2nd—Pte. McPhee, "E" Coy . . .	18	0

220 YARD'S RACE.

1st—Pte. Kean, "A" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Hogg, "C" Coy.
3rd—Pte. Peacock, "H" Coy.

THREE MILES BICYCLE RACE.—(Open to British Troops.)

Pte. Rarity, "H" Coy.
Pte. Gray, Do.

REEL DANCING, (COMPANY SETS).

1st—"F" Company Set.
2nd—"G" „ „
3rd—"A" „ „

OLD SOLDIERS' RACE, 100 YARDS.

1st—Sergt. Wallace, "B" Coy.
2nd—Corpl. Bertram, "F" Coy.

ONE MILE RACE—(Open).

1st—Piper Wright, 93rd Highlanders.
2nd—Pte. Farrar, East Lancashires.
3rd—Pte. McArthur, 93rd Highlanders.

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N. C. Officers' Race.
(200 yards).
1st—Lce.-Corpl Cridland, "F" Coy.
2nd—Corpl. McKinley, "C" Coy.

Highland Fling, (Novices).
1st—Piper Taylor, "A" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Jameson, "F" Coy.
3rd—Pte. Rankin, "E" Coy.

Putting the Shot.	ft.	in.
1st—Pte. McPhee, "E" Coy. . . .	30	1
2nd—Pte. Darwood, "C" Coy. . . .	29	8

Pipe Playing (March, etc.)
1st—Pipe-Major Duff, Royal Scots.
2nd—Piper Gunn, 93rd Highlanders.
3rd—Pipe-Major Taylor, Seaforths.

Quarter Mile.
1st—Pte. Kean, "A" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Cameron, "E" Coy.

Throwing Heavy Hammer (Open).
1st—Pte. Allan, "A" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Darwood, "C" Coy.

Half Mile.
1st—Pte. McArthur, "H" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Kean, "A" Coy.

Pipe-Playing (Piobaireachd.)
1st—Pipe-Major Lynch, 93rd Highlanders.
2nd—Lce.-Corpl. Finlayson, ,,

100 Yards (Open.)
1st—Lce.-Corpl. Moyse, East Lancashires.
2nd—Br. Grayley, 18th F. B.

Tossing the Caber.
1st—Pte. McLellan, "E" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Duncan, "E" Coy.

Sword Dance (Open.)
1st—Pipe-Major Taylor, Seaforths.
2nd—Lce.-Corpl. Finlayson, 93rd Highlanderss.
3rd—Pipe-Major Duff, Royal Scots.

Tug of War.
"B" Coy. beat "D" Coy.
Time 2 min. 7 2-5 secs.

Best Dressed Higalander.
1st—Pte. McLellan, "H" Coy.
2nd—Pte. Fogg, "G" Coy.

Highland Fling (Open.)
1st - Pte. McDonald, Bl. Watch
2nd—Lce.-Corpl. Finlayson, 93rd High.
3rd—Lce.-Corpl. Duncan, Royal Scots.

Band Race.
1st—Bd. Darwood, "C" Coy.
2nd— ,, Quinn, "D" Coy.
3rd— ,, Fraser, "B" Coy.

Obstacle Race.
1st—Pte. Weller,
2nd—Pte. Turnbull, "H" Coy.
3rd—Pte. Ballantyne, "B" Coy.
14 Started.

Temperance Notes.

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During the past few weeks our branches of the I. O. G. T. and I. O. R. have been making some very laudable and deserving efforts to increase the strength of their members, and to generally further the cause of temperance by inaugurating a series of gratuitous entertainments which were held in the Regimental Theatre. The "Pride of Sutherland Lodge No. 93," and the "Exelcisor Tent" have invariably been renowned for their munificence, and they certainly sustained their reputation on the evenings these socials took place. There was no lack of good tea and other beverages which cheer but do not inebriate; a bountiful supply of eatables was provided, chiefly of the description known in Temperance Room parlance as "doorsteps," "torpedoes," "wads," etc. and the vocal and instrumental courses were of no mean order. Major Mackenzie kindly took the chair at one of these pleasant meetings, and Mr. Gardner, our well-known General Postmaster of Poona,—who is indefatigably a promoter of temperance in all its branches—did the same at another, and there was a goodly muster of the fairer sex at all of them, which I think always lends an additional lustre and interest to such harmonious occasions. I have not been able to obtain programmes of all the concerts, but the one appended is a very fair sample of the remainder. A feature of the evening of 3rd May was the first appearance in our midst of a countryman of ours from Kirkee, Driver Hunter, R.F.A., who is quite a local celebrity in the humorous line. The efforts of every one concerned in the organization of these Concerts were crowned with success and should most assuredly prove fruitful in the temperance ranks.

The King.

PROGRAMME.

1st Part.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks...*Maj. A. F. Mackenzie.*
2. Song ... ...*Bro. F. Noble.*
3. Song ... ... ,, *D. McCreath.*
4. Recitation ... ...*Pte. Galloway.*
5. Highland Fling... ... .. *Lce.Cpl. D. Finlayson.*
6. Exhibition Club Swinging ...*Bro. M. Harper.*
7. Song and Dance... ... ...*Friend, Smith.*
8. Mandoline Selection ... .. *Bros. Simmons & May.*
9. Song (Comic) ... ...*Dr. Hunter.*

Interval of Ten Minutes.

2nd Part.

1. Recitation .. ..*Pte. Galloway.*
2. Song ... ...*Bro. F. Noble.*
3. Song ... ...*Cpl. Markey.*
4. Sword Dance ... ...*Lce.Cpl. D. Finlayson.*
5. Club Swinging ... . *Bro. Harper.*
6. Song (Comic) ... ...*Dr. Hunter.*
7. Chairman's Closing Remarks..*Chairman.*

God Save the King.

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Temperance Dramatic Club.

The teetotal community of the battalion, who have been doing so much good work lately by running several concerts, gave a most successful variety entertainment on the evening of 8th June under the above appellation. The programme was quite a lengthy one, and consisting as it did of the majority of the best talent which could be procured from amongst the rank and file, the most fastidious of the audience in the overflowing house—we are bold enough to assert—were fully satisfied at the close of the performance. A copy of the programme is given below, and it will be seen that it was most carefully selected and prepared. Two of the artistes hailed from Kirkee—one of whom, Driver Hunter, with his irresistibly funny style and songs, is becoming quite a familiar figure on the boards of the Regimental Theatre. Pte. McNeil of the Royal Scots showed us how he could preserve his equilibrium whilst balancing on his chin and nose, no prepared articles, but such real and tangible things as Lee-Enfield bayonets and rifles, lighted lamps, etc. Pte. Harper gave us what we seldom have the pleasure of witnessing, *i.e.*, a successful exhibition of torch swinging. Bdsm. Walsh's ability needs no comment, it is renowned. Bdsm. Noble was well received during his patriotic and discriptive items of the variety order, his duets with Walsh were lessons in harmony, and in the sketch he most ably maintained his role while on the bench. Corpl. Markey was particularly good, and his affection for his offspring "Bill" was quite touching to witness. Pte. Galloway's recitation in character held the house from start to finish, and Lce.-Corpl. Finlayson's exhibitions of his branch of the tersphicorean art were quite in accordance with the medals which he wore on his right breast. For the sketch we were glad to see four members of the old Regimental Dramatic Club which used to delight the Ranikhet audiences a few years ago, *viz.*, Corpl. Wainwright, Bdsm. Dunlop, Bdsm. Reynolds, and Pte. Clarke. The Temperance Dramatic Club deserve great praise for putting on such a good "show" and we hope that their efforts will resuscitate the bones of the long dormant talent which we are sure lies buried somewhere in the battalion.

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PROGRAMME.

PART 1.

1. SONG Death of Nelson .. ...*Bds. Walsh.*
2. SONG Comic ... ...*Driver Hunter.*
3. SONG Selected ... ...*Driver Bowden.*
4. CLUB SWINGING EXHIBITION ...*Pte. Harper.*
5. SONG Sons of the Motherland ...*Bds. Noble.*
6. SONG Under the shadow of old St. Paul's ... ...*Bds. Noble.*
7. SWORD DANCE ... ...*Lce. Cpl. Finlayson.*
8. SONG Coster ... ...*Cpl. Markey.*
9. SONG Coster ... ...*Cpl. Markey.*
10. RECITATION (Dramatic) ... ...*Pte. Galloway.*
11. DUET Life's Dream is o'er, Farewell ... ...*Bds. Noble & Walsh.*
12. FEATS OF BALANCING ... ...*Pte. McNeil.*
13. TORCH SWINGING EXHIBITION ...*Pte. Harper.*
14. DUET Navy and Army ... ...*Bds. Noble & Walsh.*

Interval of Ten Minutes.

PART 2.

15. SONG Selected ... ...*Bds. Walsh.*
16. SONG Comic ... ...*Dr. Hunter.*
17. HIGHLAND FLING ... .*Lce. Cpl. Finlayson.*
18. SONG Selected ... ...*Dr. Bowden.*

SKETCH, "BLACK JUSTICE."

Characters.

JUDGE ... ...*Bds. Noble.*
POLICEMAN ... ...*Cpl. Wainwright.*
LAWYER ... ...*Pte. Clarke.*
CLERK .. ..*Bds. Dunlop.*
JURY ...*Pte. Galloway (Foreman) Pte. Harper, and Bds. Walsh.*
PRISONERS ...*Pte. Thompson, Bds. Brown, Pte. McLachlan, Cpl. Markey, Pte. Green and Pte. Eite.*
WITNESS...*Bdsm. Reynolds.*

Subject to slight alteration.

GOD SAVE THE KING EMPEROR.

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Inter Company Hockey Tournament.

The drawings in the first round of the above were as follows—"C" v. "E"—13th May, "B" v. "G"—14th May, "A" v. "D"—16th May, "F" v. "H"—17th May. The ties in this round were for the most part very evenly contested, with the exception of that played between "F" and "H," which was a one sided game throughout, "F" Company, the cupholders, giving their opponents an exceedingly severe drubbing. In the "Semi Final" "D" Company, following in the footsteps of their sister Company, fell rather easily to "F" Company, and "C" Company had to relinquish all hopes of the cup through losing to "G" Company. The Final turned out to be the most interesting and stubbornly fought game of the Tournament, and contrary to all predictions "G" Company beat the cupholders, and thus secured the honour for themselves for 1904.

The following are the results and account of the various games played :—

FIRST ROUND.

"C" Company v. "E" Company—13th May.

"E" Company in the first half of the game fairly worked round their opponents and looked like winners, but in the second half "C" arose to the occasion and eventually ran out the winners of a fairly good game by one goal to love.

"B" Company v. "G" Company—14th May.

The outcome of this struggle was a victory for "G" by four goals to two. "B" played up well towards the finish, but were always well held by the sound defence of their rivals.

"A" Company v. "D" Company—16th May.

"D" had decidedly the best of matters, and

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without unduly exerting themselves were able to keep their goal intact, whilst they inflicted defeat upon "A" by three goals to nil.

"F" Company v. "H" Company—17th May.

This turned out to be a very one sided affair, "H," never having a say in the matter throughout the game, suffered a rather heavy defeat. Scores: "F" Company eight goals, "H" Company, nil.

SEMI FINAL.

"C" Company v. "G" Company—19th May.

In the opening stages "C" pressed their opponents continually and looked like scoring, but Skene, "G" Companys' custodian, managed to keep his goal intact and the interval arrived with a blank score sheet. On resuming hostilities "G" worked well up the field and after a few minutes play scored the only goal of the match, and thus won a hard contested game by one goal to love.

"D" Company v. "F" Company—20th May.

As in their former tie, "F" showed their superiority, and easily defeated their adversaries by the large total of six goals to nil.

FINAL.

"F" Company v. "G" Company—23rd May.

Great interest was shown in the meeting between these two teams, and a large concourse of spectators turned out to witness what proved to be far away the best game of the Tournament. The opening stages found "G" pressing round "F" Companys' goal, and not many minutes from the start they managed to open their score with rather a soft goal: this unexpected reverse seemed to make "F" put some life into the game and very even play was seen for the remainder of the first portion of the game. In the second moiety the play was fast and exciting, the ball travelling from end to end, but both teams failed to score and a hard fought game ended in favour of "G" Company with the score:—"G" Company one goal, "F" Company nil.

CUP HOLDERS.

"B" Company	...	...	1902.
"F" "	...	...	1903.
"G" "	...	...	1904.

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Port Arthur.

By Colonel C. E. de la POER BERESFORD, p.s.c., late Military Attache, H.M. Embassy, St. Petersburg, (from The United Service Journal.)

The garrison of Port Arthur numbers about 20,000 men. These are principally quartered in the forts and batteries. As one approaches the fortress, and is still 16 miles distant, Fort Sampson, a sea defence, looms 2,000 feet above on the left. At Sokato is the junction for Dalny; here a line of temporary defences against the land has been thrown up. The Liaou-tung Gulf is now visible for the next 10 miles. Then the hills close in, and passing between Table Hill and Lu-chung-Kau, each crowned by powerful forts, the train steams along a muddy estuary's bank, past some mean buildings, and draws up at Port Arthur.

The strategical importance of Port Arthur is that it commands, so far as a land fortress can, the Gulfs of Chi-li, Liao-dun, and Korea. It is favourably placed, therefore, to serve as base of operations against either Tientsin by Taku, Chi-fu, Wei-hai, or the Ya-lu river ports. On the other hand, its land communications, placed as it is on a peninsula, are defective. From the Bay of Tsin-Chou, in the Liao-dun Gulf, or Lio-chu-tun inlet in the Korean Gulf a battle-ship or cruiser standing out at three miles' from the shore could cause great trouble and loss. Landing parties, although preparations have been made for their reception, could also make things unpleasant. Tactically speaking, Port Arthur is very strong and difficult to take. The fortifications which surmount every hill on the land side are semi-closed works; but their gorges are protected by masonry, loop-holed walls, almost inaccessible as those of Tregantle, Scraesdon, or Portsdown Hill. These forts, constructed under the eyes of General Vernander, of the Engineers, a worthy successor of Todleben, are on the kaponier trace; their kaponiers, deeply sunk in the ditch, are also protected by counterscarp and escarp galleries. Their guns, which consist of 5·9-inch, taken from the Chinese, and 7, 10, and 12-inch breach-loaders (Oboukoff pattern), are mounted either on barbette or disappearing carriages (something like our Moncrieff type), or on over-bank fire carriages of the Boutiloff pattern. The total number of guns in the fortress is given by the Russians as 400. I counted ten hill forts, four sea batteries of eighteen to six guns each, and estimated the number of guns on the *Zolotaia-Gora*, or Golden Hill, which I was not allowed to visit, as fifty or sixty, divided among six to eight batteries.

On arriving at Port Arthur by sea, the four long batteries to the south of the harbour entrance strike the practised eye. No guns are seen, but from the interior of the harbour above the Tiger-Tail torpedo-boat sheds they can and have been counted, noted, and their description forwarded to Tokio. From the sea it is impossible to count or even locate the batteries on Golden Hill. The profiles are so low and carefully covered with grass or material of the same colour as the surrounding ground that they are invisible; but the guns do not fire through embrasures. How they are mounted it is hard to say, as no one dares to use a field-glass at Port Arthur. But their carriages look from a distance like 10 or

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12-inch Poutiloff pattern, which are well known to artillerists all over the world. Not only are all the sea batteries more or less invisible, but—and in this they resemble the works at Kertch, and also one of the new batteries at Batoum—they are all placed high above the level of the sea. Thus they command a greater range, can bring plunging fire to bear on a ship's deck, and are themselves almost safe from direct, as opposed to high angle fire. By the latter alone can they, as a rule, be struck. The protection to the gunners and guns in these works is very effective. There is no difficulty from smoke, as in works with closed galleries, nor can the men serving the pieces be struck by splinters of stone, for the works are of earth. The communications between the batteries, which can be seen from the land side, are safe from search by enfilade by their trace: the prolongation of which falls either on the site of other works or inaccessible land positions. They are hidden from direct view and fire by the crest of Golden Hill, on the north side of the harbour entrance, and on the south side they are almost invisible from the sea. The communications between all parts of the outlying defences and the dockyard, the artillery park, the old town, and the new town are excellent macadamised roads, safe from fire.

It is now necessary to speak of the stores, of the abottoirs, wells, ammunition, food forage, water supply, sanitary arrangements, spare carriages, guns, (field and siege), barracks accommodation, stabling for horses, hospitals (permanent and field) cooking, etc. Space fails me to go into all these at length. The exact number of projectiles per gun is not known, but as for two and a half years' ammunition has been sent both by land and sea to Port Arthur, it is probably as large as that of Sevastapol, Kertch, or Batoum. Groats, tinned provisions, wines, and spirits, have been brought in enormous quantities from Russia, England, Japan, and, above all, America and France, to Port Arthur. Bread, meat, and vegetables are dearer, and scarce in comparison. Vegetables come from Manchuria. Meat used to come in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's boats from Chi-fu, in Shantung ninety-eight miles off. For the last year or more a Russian tri-weekly service has brought over some eighty beasts in very good condition, besides vegetables, salads, and fruit from Chi-fu. The supply is not so regular or large as when carried by the English boats, but it has been considerable. The wells are numerous. The soil is limestone; rainfall heavy in spring only; climate in summer and winter almost rainless. The old Chinese wells are foul and dangerous. The new Russian wells are better, and in garrison towns the Russians boil all the water issued to the troops. Cholera was severe at Port Arthur in 1902, carrying off as many as 150 per diem, principally natives. The abattoirs, situated near the artillery park, north-east of the harbour, are large and well arranged. Immense stores of forage have been accumulated, but the daily consumption is very large. Numbers of horses, mules, and donkeys have been brought to the place. There was a large civilian element, both Russian and Chinese, composed of tradesmen, coolies, and land sharks of both sexes. These useless mouths have all, or nearly all disappeared.

There can be no doubt that whoever attempts to take Port Arthur will have an excessively difficult task. The garrison probably now stands at about 20,000 men, with, say, 10,000 sailors. And it would be well for our readers to take the testimony of an eye-witness, and believe that, contrary to some of the reports of our press, the quality of these troops is quite first-class. Lately a good many men have been directed from the fortress on the Ya-lu river, and Liaou-Yang.

Port Arthur Harbour is a land locked inlet of a tidal sea, with a great flux. Thus at low tide the room is comparatively small. Admiral Alexeieff tried by dredging to remedy this unsatisfactory state of things. The total area of the harbour at high tide, may be about equal one quarter that of Portsmouth. Its entrance is very narrow, and not more than a quarter of a mile broad at most. On the east side is the steep declivity of Zolotaia-Gora, or Golden Hill, with signal station and some eight batteries of heavy guns. On the west side a lower limestone rocky ridge, some 150 feet high, hides the whole harbour from the sea. On this are four great batterises, with from eight to eighteen guns of 7, 10, and 11-inch calibre, as described. As one steams in almost north-west by north, a low hill with an estuary to the south-south-west of it appears, facing the entrance. It is covered with rather mean houses, which will in in time give way to official residences. Before proceeding far, and slowing down, one observes on the north-east a low masonry wall at the edge of the water. The sea laps its sides at high tide, leaving a yard or two of mud at low tide. On this are mounted some twenty quick-firing guns with shields. The battery is, perhaps, 150 yards long; the guns are very close to each other. They would be very deadly against boat attack as they are trained, so to speak, on one spot, and can be fired night or day, without change of aim.

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Obituary.

General Sir John Alexander Ewart, K.C.B.

Mr. Forbes-Mitchell writes: Another famous link of the ever glorious "Thin Red Line" of the 25th October, 1854, has lately gone over to the great majority. Year by year the survivors of the brave band who gained the glorious title for the gallant-Ninety Third are becoming fewer and fewer. The survivors of the 25th October, 1854,

> Fine but in time stricken men,
> Or else lie hushed in clay.

Fifty years ago, on the 22nd July, 1854, I first saw the late General, then Captain of No. 6 Company, when my draft of 98 men, of which I don't now know of a single survivor except myself, under Captain Blackett and Lieut. Cooper, joined the 93rd at Camp Aladyer in Bulgaria. The draft joined in the forenoon, and at 4 p.m. the Regiment paraded with the draft drawn up behind the Light Company. Those were the days of Flank Companies, the right, being under Captain L. Ross, the left, the Light Bobs, with their green hackles, then under Captain Charles Gordon of Cluny, Aberdeenshire, and none stood in the Grenadiers under six feet, nor in the Light Company under five feet ten inches. My present day readers most understand those were the days of unlimited service, and men joined the Army for a life profession, and, moreover, the 93rd had received the pick of all our Highland Regiments as Volunteers before embarking at Plymouth on the 27th February, 1854. After the historical review of the regiment and famous address by Sir Harry Smith of Aliwal, Modkee, and Sobraon fame, who has stamped his never to be forgotten name, and that of his brave herioc wife, on so many places in South Africa, now rendered still more famous by the late war. But I must hark back to the subject of this reminiscence.

The first pick of the draft was taken by Captain Ross for the Grenadiers, then followed Gordon for the Light Bobs. After which the roll was called and the remainder allotted in rotation from No 1. to No. 8, the Flank Companies not bearing numbers, and my lot fell to No. 4, then commanded by Captain Macgowan, afterwards wounded and taken prisoner in the trenches, and died of his wounds, after receiving the rank of Brevet Major. But I will pass over the Crimean reminiscences and come to India. It fell to the lot of the deceased General to command the seven Companies of the 93rd at the assualt on the Secundrabagh, 16th November, 1857. Lieut. Col. Gordon having been put in command of the 53rd, who had no field officer present, their Colonel having been killed at Kudjwa on the advance to Cawnpore, and all the senior officers being disabled, and Col. Lieth Hay was detached with three Companies of the93rd to take the Old 32rd Barracks and Exking's stables which were strongly held and commanded the left of the relieving force. It therefore fell to Lieut. Col. Ewart to command the seven Companies left.

When the hole, it could not be called a breach, in the wall of the Secundrabagh was considered large enongh to let a few men through, the 4th Punjabs were ordered to storm. They boldly sprang out of cover and advanced at the double, but before they were half way across the open space between them and the wall, their Commanding Officer, and all our European officers with them, were shot down either mortally or severely wounded, and the Punjabies became confused and marked time. It was a most anxious moment. The Artillerymen at the guns were within easy musket range even for the old Brown Bess of the Sepoies, and were falling fast from the deadly aim from the loop holes from the wall. But as soon as the Punjabies slackened their, pace, Sir Colin quickly called, "Ewart, bring on the tartan, let my own lads at them." Immediately the bugler of the 93rd in attendance on Sir Colin sounded the regimental call, and the advance, and John Macleod of glorious memory, and seven pipers struck up the famous march of the Great Montrose, "On wi' the Tartan," by some called the "Haughs of Crumdal," and the seven hundred, like one man, sprang from behind the mud bank where we had been partly sheltered. The Sepoys who had never before seen a Highland regiment in full uniform of kilts and feather bonnets, were so astonished at the appearance of the men, and paralysed at the yell of pent up fury and shouts of "Remember Cawnpore," which greeted them that they actually ceased fire, and ran from the loop holes of the other wall to the two storied bungalow in the centre of the garden, and to bar the gates of the inner court. This saved the 93rd from heavy loss before we came to close quarters and the bayonet. I will not now describe the fight, but confine my reminiscences to Colonel Ewart, who, mad with the excitement of battle, shot down five with his revolver, and there being no time to reload—the revolvers of those days requiring time to load—rushed on with his sword, attacking two officers of the enemy defending the Queen's Colours of the aforetime famous 71st Bengal Light Infantry. However strange it may appear to my readers, although throwing off their allegiance, the mutineers fought under their old Colours, which were looked upon as dedicated to kalee, having been blessed by

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Brahmans, and sprinkled with Ganges water, when first presented to the different regiments, so they defended them with all the zeal of the fanatic. However, a man of my Company named Finlay Macpherson came to the assistance of Ewart and slew one of his assailants, and Ewart ran his sword point through the throat of the other, and seized the Queen's Colours of the Mutineer 71st Bengal L. I.

By that time opposition had almost ceased, only a few of the defenders of the Secundrabagh being left alive, and they were being hunted from room to room inside the bungalow. Col. Ewart therefore started to present his captured Colours to Sir Colin, who was just outside the gate, surrounded by his staff and a troop of the 9th Lancers as guard. But the old chief considered it *infra dig* for a Field Officer in command to be exposing himself capturing colours in the hopes of getting the much coveted V.C., and when Ewart, severely wounded in his right arm, all covered with blood and powder smoke, bare head, his bonnet having been shot off, with the excitement of battle still in his eyes, rushed up to Sir Colin saying, "Sir, we are in possession of the bungalow, I have killed the last of the enemy with my own hands and here is one of their Colours." Sir Colin turned on him like a tiger and shouted, "D—— you and your colours, it was not your place to be capturing colours. Go back to your regiment this instant, sir." However the officers of the staff and the guard of 9th Lancers gave a cheer for Colonel Ewart and the 93rd Highlanders, and Mr. Kavanagh, who had come out of the Residency, gave him a cap to cover his head. However, "all is well that ends well." During the afternoon Sir Colin sent for Ewart and apologised for his rudeness, and thanked him for his services, detailing him to command the 300 men holding the Barracks as the key to the left of the position, telling Ewart that he must hold the part with rifle and bayonet as long as he had a man left, because not a single gun could be spared for his assistance. So much for Lucknow.

The General's decoration with the Grand Cross of the Bath has come too late, it ought to have been given to him years ago. But it has often struck me that there was some sinister influence at work, which deprived General Ewart from his proper place in the Honours List. Be that as it may, he has gone to his rest full of years, and honoured by all who ever served with or under him. He did not get the V.C., but he well deserved it, and that is more than some do who wear it.

But here endeth this reminiscence of one of the bravest soldiers of the Victorian Age. May he rest in Peace.

Home and Depot Notes.

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The first of three competitions for the Stirling District Crosses took place at Greenhill Range on Saturday, under the superintendence of Captain Black, 4th V.B.A. and S.H. The weather conditions were fairly good, but as nearly all the competitors were shooting for the first time this season the average scoring was low. Thirty-one members competed, and the following are the principal scores :—

	200	500	600	Tl.
Sgt. Stewart, 4th V. B. A. and S. H. ..	34	32	32	98
John M'Callum, do.	33	30	29	92
Sgt. W. Bauchop, do.	30	31	30	91
Corp. H. Britton, do.	34	30	27	91
R. Anderson, do.	28	33	29	90
William M'Callum, Falkirk.	33	28	28	89
E. M'Cue, 4th V. B. A. and S. H. ...	31	30	27	88
Corp. J. Bennie, do.	32	29	27	88
Bugler Hunter, do.	32	30	26	88
Sergt. W. Rankine, do.	29	29	29	87
James Dougall, Falkirk, ...	30	25	30	85
Corp. Taylor, 4th V. B. A. and S. H. ...	30	26	28	84

A Company, 4th V.B.A. and S. Highlanders held the first competition for the season last Saturday at Greenhill range. The following are the detailed scores :—

CLASS A.

Col.-Sergt. W. Bain, ...	33	30	28	91
Sergt. R. Stevenson, ...	31	30	26	87
Q.-M.-S. T. Low, ...	32	27	25	84
Sergt. Glendinning, ...	28	31	22	81
Armoury-Sergt. Crockart, ...	27	19	25	71
Corpl. R. R. Forgan, ...	18	25	22	65
Sergt.-Major Watters, ...	25	11	19	55
Sergt. H. S. Valentine, ...	22	13	18	53
Sergt. Douglas, ...	22	17	12	51

CLASS B.

Lance-Corpl. Riddle	26	25	15	66
Private J. Brown, ...	23	19	15	57
Private R. Young,...	21	17	15	52
Private Dalgetty, ...	23	15	14	53
Bugler Watters, ...	23	7	21	51
Private W. Simpson, ...	14	14	19	47
Private J. Young, ...	22	6	15	41

Another enjoyable concert has been held at Stirling Castle, this time in aid of the Gymnasium Fund. The attendance was good. The programme sustained by the Non-Coms. and Privates in the Depot, in point of variety and power of entertainment deserved every commendation. The "Bill of Fare" was a full one, and to individualize praise would occupy too much space. S.-I.-M. Paton was inimitable in his "get up," and in both voice and gesture was quite a success. Sergeant-Major Hardie gave "Little Mary" from "The Orchid" in a pleasing manner. Pte. M'Gregor, who seems to be a favourite at the Castle, was very "happy" in his selections, introducing some smart step dances. The Indian club display, by

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Sergeant Dibbs, was a treat in itself. Private M'Culloch gave violin selections. Miss Lindsay quite "caught on," and responded on several occasions. Another young lady gave two recitations in good style.

The other contributors, Sergt.-Drummer Furr, Sergt. Watson, Lce.-Cpl. Wright, and Pte. Davis, also contributed to the success of the evening's entertainment. In Miss Page, the artistes were singularly fortunate in having a sympathetic accompanist.

We understand that Captain J. G. Murray, B Company, V.B. A. & S. Highlanders, has resigned his commission.

The resignation is announced of Captain and Hon. Major H. Brown, Kilsyth, of the 4th V.B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Colonel Blackett of Arbigland, near Dumfries, who died on Friday the 20th May at the age of 77, passed through some of the most important engagements of the Crimea, and suffered his full share of the hardships of the war, as a junior officer in the 93rd.

Official sanction has been given by the War Office to the band of the Black Watch proceeding on a two months' tour in Canada. Forty-five bandsmen and six pipers will sail from Liverpool for Montreal on 18th August.

The order that the Stirlingshire Militia recruits should proceed to Jamestown on 20th June for musketry drill has been cancelled, it having been decided that they are to get musketry instruction at Stirling Castle.

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Poona Boxing Tournament.

The Tournament of 1904 is now a thing of the past. It is pronounced to have been eminently successful. No one who visited the arena at all could come away with any other impression but that it is not a mere tamasha, rather it is a sort of physical-culture show whose influences for physical good in the Army are incalculable. It was stated that no less than 3,000 on an average must have witnessed the nightly displays of British pluck and skill in the Ring. All who did go to visit the Boxing have the one opinion that it was splendid from start to finish. The general feature of the first night's boxing showed that there was a lot more hard hitting than science, yet taking all into consideration the fights were good to look at and creditable to those engaged in them. During the second night's proceedings the audience did not lack appreciative enthusiasm as the fights progressed. In fact there were moments when it was necessary to remind them as to the rule of silence. The third night witnessed the encounter between Captain Kemp, R.A.M.C., and Captain Taylor, which was undoubtedly a feature of the evening. The gallant Surgeon guarded his face well, while Captain Taylor was quite careless in this regard It was apparent that neither had great staying power. The audience could not restrain themselves from involuntary laughter at the desparate efforts of either to strike in the last round. In the performance of the fourth night the spectators were treated to some very good fighting. This was the night there were four competitions for boys, and it was apparent that they were unevenly matched, particularly Dooley (Connaught Rangers) and Deane (East Lancs.) It is extremely creditable to all these labouring under disadvantages of size and age that they did not refuse the contest, and so the evenings went past, each night occupying and satisfying the audience—the fifth, sixth, and seventh nights having a special feature of their own. The seventh night witnessed the finals, and the presentation of prizes by General Richardson, who expressed himself as highly delighted with the Seven Days' Tournament.

Among our exponents who faced up at the Tournament were McNiff, Lamie, and Boy McLachlan, whose fights are recorded in detail. We also append the prize winners' names.

Boy Competition.

Cadet Brewin, P. V. R., beat Boy McLachlan, A. and S. Highlanders.

1st Round.—Brewin began the attack, and succeeded in getting some good strokes for a while, McLachlan's face being a picture, he being knocked down once.

2nd Round.—The contest was spirited, and Brewin was certainly winning on points, his opponent being cautioned not to hit too low.

3rd Round.—With a decided lead Brewin dealt some powerful blows. By the time it was nearing the end of the round both boys appeared to be weakened. Brewin, however, had a decided advantage and won on points.

Bantam Weights.

Private Lamie, A. and S. Highlanders, beat Dr. Cook, 24th Battery R. F. A.

1st Round—The attack and defence were about equal, each giving as much as he took. Cook, however, seemed to be cleverest at dodging.

2nd Round.—Lamie began the attack by flooring his opponent, and the compliment was returned. For a moment they went at each other hammer and tongs, and then the round slowed down, the Highlander leading.

3rd Round.—The bout began with Cook laying his man low. Lamie was cautioned for using his palm, but his fighting was otherwise excellent and he won on points.

Light Weights.

Private McNiff, A. and S. Highlanders, beat Private O'Neill, Royal Irish Rifles.

1st Round.—O'Neill seemed to be adopting retreating tactics. With the exception of a few initial hits, the feature of this bout was that McNiff chased his opponent all round the stage.

2nd Round.—Nothing but tramping round the ring.

3rd Round.—More than ever O'Neill seemed to be avoiding his man. It was evident he feared him. McNiff with a smile chased him getting a few hits. He won easily.

Bantam Weights

Private Lamie, A. and S. Highlanders, beat Private Hoolan, 15th Hussars.

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1st Round.—Careful and cautious fight. Lamie got in some good strokes from the start and had the lead.

2nd Round.—A good fight. Lamie gave some good face blows, but the compliment was at times returned.

3rd Round.—Lamie had his man down for an instant. Cautioned for open right. Both quite fagged out. There were fair exchanges, but Lamie won on points.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Then Private McNiff, A. and S. Highlanders, beat Private Harris, Durham Light Infantry.

1st Round.—Harris, a quick fighter and a good dodger, seemed to have it all to himself, and gave his man some hard hits. He was certainly leading.

2nd Round.—This meeting was a very even one, there being fair exchanges.

3rd Round.—The contestants appeared to be tired out. Both dealt good blows, but McNiff seemed to have wiped off arrears, and he won on points.

BANTAM WEIGHTS.

Private Scurr, Suffolk Regt., beat Private Lamie, A. and S. Highlanders.

1st Round.—Another sensational bout. The fight began with the contestants rushing at each ether. But Scurr soon succeeded in flooring his opponent. Three times he was laid low, and in the last was counted out.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Gunner Chapman, G. Battery, R. F. A., beat Private McNiff, A. and S. Highlanders.

1st Round.—A very even round. Jabbing the order of the day. Both misssed some powerfully directed blows.

2nd Round.—Jabbing again. No sign of an advantage though each gave a couple of hard hits. Chapman cautioned for an open left.

3rd Round.—A more spirited round. Chapman was getting the better of his man. McNiff was hit very severely on the face from which he bled somewhat. Chapman won on points.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.—6-ROUND CONTEST.

Private McNiff, A. and S. Highlanders, beat Private Robson, East Lancashire Regt.

1st Round.—A skillful well fought out contest with no advantage on either side.

2nd Round.—At the beginning of the bout McNiff secured a few hits, but the round was even in the latter half.

3rd Round.—McNiff decidedly getting the lead. Secured good face blows. Robson a bit groggy.

4th Round.—Robson cautioned for an open left. The fight well maintained on either side, but McNiff had again the better of his man.

5th Round.—The pair getting fagged out, McNiff being the fresher of the two. There were fair exchanges.

6th Round.—McNiff rushed his opponent and had him down once, dealing previous to this some severe chastisement. Robson was however on his feet and fought gamely to the last, the verdict going to McNiff.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

OFFICERS' COMPETITION.

Middle Weights and Light Weights—Captain Kemp, I.M.S.

BOYS.

1 Boy Daleu, Durham Lt. Infantry.—Money Bag.
2 Cadet Cody, Poona Vol. Rifles ,, ,,

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

1 Gunner Chapman, G. Battery, R. H.A.—Cups and Money Prize.
2 Private Shoyer, 15th Hussars.—Cups and Money Prize.

BANTAM WEIGHTS.

1 Corporal Blackman, 10th Hussars.—Cups and Money Prize.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

1 Private Grant, Royal Irish Regt.—Cups and Money Prize.
2 Private Hall, Leicestershire Regt.—Cups and Money bag.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.

1 Gunner Forbery, "P" Battery, R.H.A.—Cups and Money Prize.
2 Private Smith, Lincolnshire Regt.—Cups and Money Prize.

SPECIAL PRIZES, 6 ROUND CONTEST.

BANTAM.

Private Dowd, Connaught Rangers.
Dr. Miller, R. G. A.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Private McNiff, A. and S. Highlanders.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Bombardier Jones, R. F. A.
Lance Corporal Smith, Warwickshire Regt.

BEST FIGHTS.

Private Dawson, R. H. A.,
versus
Private Hill, Essex Regt.
,, McNiff, A. and S. Highlanders,
versus
Gunner Chapman, R. H. A.

MOST SCIENTIFIC FIGHTER.

Gunner Chapman, R. H. A.

GENERAL'S PRIZES.

BEST LOSERS—HEAVY WEIGHTS.

Corporal Smith, East Lans.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Private Weir, Royal Irish Regt.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Private McNiff, A. and S. Highlanders.

BANTAM WEIGHTS.

Private Henderson, Durham Lt. Infantry.

Consolation Prizes.

Sergt. Chesterway, East Surrey; Private Swan, Royal Irish Rifles; Private Milton, Leicestershire Regt.; Gunner Greene, R. F. A.; Lance Corporal Regan, Connaught Rangers.

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A Tale of the Indian Mutiny.

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We then crossed the Ganges under a heavy fire, and encamped on the plains, where the Black Watch and Camerons joined us after marching up country. Then the "boys of the old brigade" were together once more.

I happened to be one of the sharp-shooters of the regiment, and was lying down among the long grass on the plain having a shot at the enemy, who were behind a wall firing through holes. A bullet struck my feathered bonnet in the dice and lodged in the leather binding against my forehead. I was a little stunned, but made no report of the matter, and I afterwards brought this "messenger of death" home with me. I had many hair-breadth escapes during my service, but this was, I daresay, one of the "closest shaves." Although on one occasion in the Crimea—at Alma—the Russians showed such a partiality for my kilt that they put four bullet holes in it, while on another occasion I got a sabre wound, and on yet another a bullet in the ankle, which is there still.

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We fought the battle of Cawnpore on December 6, clearing the town and routing the enemy, following them a considerable distance. We overtook them at a ford crossing the Ganges, and a dreadful havoc took place, we, of course, not getting off scaithless. We remained sometime at Bithoor, where Nana Sahib's treasure was discovered in a sunken well. It took some time to fish it out, and it was afterwards sent down country with a strong escort.

We then marched through a part of the Daob country, and at the town of Mhow made all the leading men (21 in number) prisoners, handing them over to the rear guard on the march. They became rather troublesome, however, and were all hung on the one tree without either judge or jury. The brigade then marched on to Lucknow, having had several hot encounters on the way.

On arrival at Lucknow, we opened the siege, the bombardment continuing for several days. Once more Peel's men did yeoman service, and opened the breach for us. On the 8th of March we (the 93rd) were told to enter the breach supported by "the Ghoorkas"—splendid little fellows. Sir Colin said that as the 93rd relieved the Residency to the regiment will be given the place of honour in the capture of the city, and I think we did not disappoint our old commander that day. The other Highland regiments acted as reserves and supports. The Begum's Palace was strongly fortified, but to the 93rd was not impregnable, for by them it was captured. In the course of the evening several of us went amissing among the narrow streets. We came upon a number of the enemy who had made their escape from the palace, and we determined to show fight, but Captain Drummond Stewart, of Murthly, who had also lost his way, came on the scene, and ordered us to retire, which we reluctantly did.

In doing so I saw one of my own company—Peter Caithness—lying mortally wounded in the street. I could not pass him. I got him on my back and carried him to headquarters at the palace, but Dr. Menzies told me he was dead. I laid him down gently on the marble floor, and a bullet at the same time dropped from his head That night we enjoyed ourselves as best we could under the circumstances in the Queen of Oude's Palace. We had a large number of casualties, including some officers.

After leaving a garrison to look after the place, the Highland Brigade set out for Bareilly, a town strongly defended, and engaged the enemy on the 5th April, 1858. I believe that was one of the hottest days on record. In all my experience of soldiering I never felt anything like it, and that is saying something when speaking of a climate like that of India. After remaining in possession for some time, the Ninety-Third was ordered out for three months' hard work scouring the jungles—a terrible job.

On completion of this work, what remained of us were sent up to one of the Himalayan stations, where we stayed for some time recruiting our health after our great hardships and privations. Our next march was for Rawal Pindi in the Punjab (15 days). Passing through Lahore we met our gallant comrades, the Camerons, who gave us a royal reception.

Shortly afterwards I claimed my discharge (1860), and returned home; but in three months or so I got tired of home life, and joined the 78th Highlanders, getting all my former service. In this regiment I was promoted, serving with them at home, in Gibraltar, and Canada. I took my final discharge in 1871, and received 1s. 6d. per day of a pension, being about fourteen years a non-commissioned officer, receiving the good conduct medal prior to leaving the service.

I passed through something like twenty-three battles and sieges during the time I was with the colours. Among them I may mention the following:—Battle of Alma,. 20th September, 1854; Balaklava ("The Thin Red Line,") 25th October, 1854; siege and capture of Sebastopol, 8th September, 1855; Boonee Bridge, 2nd November, 1857; Relief of Lucknow, 16th November, 1857; Relief of Cawnpore, 6th December, 1857; Senaghat, 9th December, 1857; Kallinuddee, 1st January, 1858; Capture of Lucknow, 8th March, 1858; Fort Rowah, 16th September, 1858; Allagunge, 20th April, 1858; Battle of Bareilly, 5th May, 1858; Passgowen, 19th October, 1858; Russelpoor, 25th October, 1858; Mathowllie, 9th November, 1858; Biswah, 5th December, 1859.

"There are two distinguished officers now living, so far as I know, who could testify to my story," said Corporal Macdonald proudly, "viz., Lieutenant-General Burroughs, Orkney, and Lieutenant-General Ewart, both of whom belonged to the regiment at the time. General—then Captain—Burroughs was the officer of my Company, and for some time I acted as his servant. I remember an incident at Shaeneujef which probably the gallant and distinguished officer might yet be able to recall. After the place was taken my Company, of which Captain Burroughs was commander, remained all night inside. We had no food and no way to get it. We dropped on a goat, however, which was soon despatched and cooked. I gave a piece to our Captain, but as there was no salt it was not by any means palatable. I found a substitute, however, using gunpowder, and the Captain told me it was excellent. This, then," said the old soldier, "is the story of the battles, sieges, and fortunes through which I have passed."

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History and Description of Purandhar.

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By the chamber a steep winding path leads down about 2,506 feet to the Cantonment, following a road past the Canteen over the Bharav-kind spur where stood a gate called the Bharrod Bharvaj with the ruin of a guard room, begins with a four mile walk that encircles the fort of Purandhar. Following this path, which is a broad and well metalled road made in 1856, a little on its left slope are two slaughter houses and behind them a grave yard, well removed from camp, having the eastern of the upper fort between it and the Cantonment. Continuing this walk and following its many windings, on the right rise the steep southern slopes of the upper fort, crowned during the rains with wild flowers, thick brushwood, and the lovely arrowroot plant, on the left the path leads to a sudden spur—the largest on the hill—called Bhorechika or Fitzclarance Point, as Lord E. Fitzclarance, when C.I.C., used it as a drill ground, on its broad battle ground—to a small unfinished reservoir built by a Madhaurao, the Fourth Peshwa (1761-72.) Over-hanging the scarp is the Victory Bastion, beyond the road passed more to the north and leads to a second plateau with three small springs almost under the abrupt scarp which is crowned by the most westerly or Konkani Bastion, from which prisoners were hurled. Here lie huge strangely balanced masses of basalt fallen from the fort side.

From this table land runs a wide south westerly spur or point called Mesel-met or Kerr's Point. The point is sheltered from the east and is open to the west, and commands rich and distant views as far as the Mahbleswar range. The road now turns towards the east and follows the windings of the hill, passing two westerly spurs. A ruined gate called the Konkani Gate leads to the hospital spur. From this spur a wall rises till it meets the rock on which the upper fort is built, and forms a west boundary of the lower fort.

Above the wall frowns the Shaida Bastion, and beneath it are three caves, two of them large, one 50 and the other 160 feet deep. The deeper cave has three chambers. The Hospital spur is locally known as the Lugana Mukh or Wedding face, and the hospital on it stands about a mile and a quarter from the rest house at the foot of the hill. From the Hospital the road passes through the Cantonment, which stands on a narrow terrace on the north face, 300 feet below the upper fort, flanked on the east by the Barracks and west by the hospital. From the Hospital the path proceeds, with on its right a fine masonry reservoir called the Mukarase Talav, said to have been built by Madhavrao the Fourth Peshwa (1761-72), and above it a large roomy bungalow. From the reservoir the road passes by one or two bastions on the left, with several guns, (said to have been taken by Shivajee from the Portuguese) and continues past a large granary, to a point where the road divides, marked by a small temple, built by a blacksmith about 1795. Taking the upper road on the right there are ten large Patcheries, and on the left four sets of bacherlor's quarters. Below these buildings to the Bini Gate, the only gate remaining of the lower fort and called Bini as the Binvala, or Quarter Master General's House formerly stood close to it, where now stands a large modern bungalow. Taking the upper path from the Patcheries, a small stone temple, built by Nana Farnivis, the spot where the people from the neighbouring villages brought the offerings to celebrate the birthday of Madhavrao Peshwa. The bungalow close in front of the temple is built on a site of, and with much of the materials of Nana Farnivis' Palace. Next comes a fair sized bungalow enclosed with a stone wall and facing west. The bungalow stands on the site of Madhavrao palace, and below are the two temples built by Abajee Purandharee. The road then passes through the market, and leads up to the east end of the terrace on which stands the Cantonment. Close below is a fine reservoir called Padmvati or Rujaval Talav, the masonry of which is said to have been built by Shivajee, on its north bank an open space covered with mango trees, is the site of a small house where died Lord Fitzclarance, C.I.C., of Bombay. The site was bought by his widow for a Memorial Church. This, the Bhairav-kind spur, seems to spring from beneath the scalped bastion of the upper fort, and winding north-east to end its sweep in the rock on which Vazirghad is built. On the highest and airiest spur are the Barracks, and at the extreme west on this Wedding Face spur facing west, and overlooking a broad and rich valley, is the Hospital.

The following amusing letter was received by the Editor and goes to show how *famous* is this our paper and the *enormous* competition for an appointment on the staff of the same!

To The Agent, T. R. Line (China) Calcutta.

Rev. Sir,

I beg most humbly and respectfully to lay before you the following few lines to consider favourably.

I head that in China T. R. Line is opened, and some Indian candidates are required. I wish to have one of these posts. I was about to appear in the entrance examination, but my unfortunate surrounding circumstances did not allow me to appear in the exam.

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Therefore I hope that your honour will be kind enough to grant me one of these posts.

Hopping to meet with success.

The certificate cannot be procured just now. Because schools are now closed up it will be procured afterwards.

I beg to remain
sir
28-14-04 your most obedient servant.
VITHUL WASUDEO APADEO
C/o Narayen Pighe at Kelana
post. Nachangoan
Railway station. Palgoan
Dist Wardha. C. P.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

WHAT aw' the dogs are shot until the owners claim them.

That he has no kit to put his private box into.

That his listin' chum's number was fifty four nothing, Ten.

That the pipers were at a Search Light procession.

That he drank twa basins o' watter and yin pialla o' pani.

That it wid a' been better if the bottle was twins.

That his forage cap is 5 ft 9 inches.

That he wad like tae ken what they dae wi' aw' the auld moons.

That he should load his rifle withoot amminition.

That he wid like tae ken wha' keeps that parrot.

That the band wears music ball pouches.

That he knows a Non-com. that got Corporal before he got Private.

That its Did you put my rifle in my oil bottle.

That the Masons will soon be coming.

The Surprise of Piet Swart's Laager.

About twenty-three miles nearly due north of Lydenburg, lies Kruger's Post, a pretty little village of the old Dutch type, high gabled white-washed houses, surrounded by orange groves, peach and apricot orchards, from among which shoot up occasional towering blue gums. It is situated in the centre of a flat thorn clad basin which is girt round by a tumbled confused mass of rocky hills, spurs and off-shoots from the great Drakensberg. The road leading away to Pilgrim's Rest, locally called Pilgrims, tout court, slips out of the basin over a narrow neck about two miles N.W. of the village, then wriggles painfully down a contracted, twisted valley.

It was in this valley, just hidden from view behind the crest of the neck, that Piet Swart, a most desperate and obdurate Boer, had pitched his laager. From this point of vantage he would now and again sally forth with a klompie of his folk to pay us unwelcome attention in Lydenburg; when all was serene and some game of polo or cricket in progress suddenly the pikpoks would be heard in the hills, and word would perhaps come in that Piet was trying to pinch cattle, or that long-travelled bullets were singing round out of the more isolated outposts. This was late in the year 1900, and was the more provoking since the tide of war had to a great extent flowed away to the South and East, and we had, so to speak, put off our khaki, and pulled on our flannels; we therefore looked upon these interruptions as nothing but sheer malice, and very bad taste on Piet Swart's part.

And so it came about that early in 1901 we determined to return his oft repeated visits. Some seven miles N. of Lydenburg is a big saddle backed hill which we named Bridge Hill; this was fortified and occupied by one of our picquets. Just below the the hill Kruger's Post road drops suddenly into the valley of the Speckboom, a beautiful rushing, jumping, madcap stream, which the road crosses by a single span iron girder bridge. On the far side, shying from a high ridge immediately in front, the road turns abruptly to the left for about a couple of miles, then bends North again round the shoulder of the ridge, and runs up a broad valley right into Kruger's Post. At this last bend, where the road is joined by the old tracks from a drift over the river, are the ruins of the old post stables, and it was in these buildings that Piet had established his only outpost; near the laager itself not a man was on the look out. These facts we learnt from a renegade Boer who nightly went out scouting, and a mighty fine scout he was, knowing as he did every stone in the country side. This carelessness in outposts was no doubt due to our own apparent supineness in having left the laager undisturbed for so long, but still it was quite inexcusable on the part of Piet and his merry men; and so the parable of the foolish virgins was once more to find an application.

The actual strength of the Commando was a variable quantity, such variation being caused by the constant coming and going of parties between the laager, and that of another Commando which lay at Pilgrim's. So far as could be ascertained it varied between 60 and 100, not a big force truly, even at its strongest, but tackling Boer laagers is like treading on thin ice, you never know when you are not going to be let in.

On the night of 14th February, I think it was, a dark wet night, a long line of wagons filed silently out of Lydenburg, and after crossing the spruit which forms the N. boundary of the town, formed up in three long lines on the left of Kru-

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ger's Post road. Presently a long stream of infantry followed, and without the slightest confusion or noise the men climbed into the wagons: two companies of Devons filled the first line, two of Royal Irish the second, and two of the Rifle Brigade the third. The wagons began then to file away from the right, ox wagons leading, to set the pace, some thirty groaning loads of Tommy. For three solid hours they slipped and skidded along the greasy track before Bridge Hill was reached. Here all was reported clear, a picquet from the outpost having quietly secured the bridge shortly after dark. The men climbed down and formed up on both sides of the road in the long and beastly wet grass; soon after the column was under way.

After crossing the bridge, in place of following the main road, we turned in single file up a narrow path which wound up the ridge in front. Very shortly afterwards word was passed from the rear that the Royal Irish had lost touch, and were not following. The head was halted and an officer sent back to retrieve them: he found they had not struck up along the path, but were marching steadily along the road straight for the Boer picquet at the stables. He turned them about, and as soon as they had tailed on again the march was resumed.

On, on, hour after hour, through the damp dreary night we wound in and out of the spurs like a great wriggling worm. How the machine gun and ammunition mules crossed some of the deep dongas we encountered was a marvel. They mostly turned a double somersault into the bottom, and were pulled by brute force up the opposite side. At length however, the path became evener and more level and the loom of the hills seemed to recede and sink; we were evidently debouching into the Kruger's Post basin. Shortly after we struck an artificial water channel, the village water supply; dimly on the left appeared patches of black, and splashes of blurred white; This was the village itself not 300 yards away. All apparently is steeped in slumber, not a sound breaks the stillness except the ripple of the water; even the regulation dog who should have given notice of our approach,. *vide* red book, is silent. A faint pink flush in the East makes us hasten on, dawn is approaching and we have but scant time to get round the laager before daybreak. We reach another stream—this is the point of our deployment; we diverge right and left, Royal Irish to the right, Devons to the left; the Rifle Brigade are to move straight on to occupy the neck immediately facing the laager. But the green jackets don't arrive : at the last moment they have lost touch and cannot be found. However, after an anxious five minutes they come up and move on to their appointed position just as day breaks. Some Boers afoot earlier than the rest catch sight of the troops, and in a moment the laager is up and bullets begin to fly. But it is too late, a sharp rattle of musketry breaks out from the crest of the hills all round, and it is all over. Some put up their hands sullenly, others panic stricken and afraid of being killed in cold blood, fall on their knees and pray for mercy; others again lie low under the bushes hoping to escape observation; the Irishmen laughing and full of good humour thrust their bayonets into the bushes with an honest purposeful jab and sing out invitingly, "Any other gintleman like to hands up? Come spake up, don't be shy!"

By degrees the prisoners were all collected together. They numbered some 60 odd, of whom about six were wounded; there were also four killed; our own casualties were inconsiderable. Ten or a dozen Boers who had managed to effect their escape down the valley, vented their malice by firing into us at long range without result.

We marched back to the village, where we met the guns, mounted troops, and supply wagons; these having to move by the road had marched about 2 a.m so as not to give the alarm to the Boer picquet at the old post stables. After a good breakfast the infantry settled down to sleep, while the mounted men scoured the country far and wide, and brought in large quantities of cattle, grain, wagons, poultry, and spoils of war.

In the afternoon some of us called at the house of one Vander B. to see a fine collection of horns he was reported to have. We found the good man away doing a guy with his gun in the hills, but the frouw—or about 20 stone of her—was at home, and to her we intimated our desire. She eyed us with a fat and greasy disdain, flung a flopper towards the walls where the horns were hanging, then opened a large cupboard in which she buried her head, pretending apparently, to be looking for something in the bottom. During the rest of our visit she remained in this attitude, so sadly lacking in grace, possibly meant to impress us with the fact that a bountiful nature had bestowed on the South African Boer that same ample figure which she had given to our Dutch forefathers—or should it be foremothers—and which seems to promise stability to the Dutch race. An early hour the following morning saw us on our return march. As all families were then being collected in the concentration camps, we took all the women and children with us. Scattered about on the wagons, all wearing bright blue, pink or white kappies (sun bonnets,) with a fair sprinkling of bright coloured parasols, they gave the column the appearance of a school treat.

Without further incident we reached Lydenburg late in the afternoon; and that was the end of Piet Swart's laager.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for July, 1904.

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1 F. Marched Varna to Aladyn, '54; suffered severely from cholera, fever, and dysentery. Territorial scheme introduced, THE NINETY-THIRD became 2nd Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders, 1881.
2 S.
3 S.
4 M.
5 Tu.
6 W.
7 Th. Outbreak of cholera at Peshawar, 1862; ninety-three deaths.
8 F.
9 S. Crossed frontier into Waziristan, 1897; very trying march, resulting in two deaths and many cases of sunstroke.
10 S.
11 M.
12 Tu.
13 W.
14 Th. Arrived Datta Khel, joining 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, 1897.
15 F. Chatham to Windsor, thence to Devonport, 1853. Landed Portsmouth from Crimea, 1856, to Aldershot.
16 S. Reviewed at Aldershot by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 1856.
17 S. Montreal to Quebec, 1846. Glengarry Bonnets with dice ordered to be worn, Horse Guards order, 1851.
18 M. Lines of Regiment visited by Queen Victoria and Princess Royal, 1856.
19 Tu. Establishment (Service Coys.) raised to 58 Sgts., 20 Drs., 1,000 R. and F., 1854.
20 W. Advance of 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, on Sheranni, 1897.
21 Th.
22 F. Reconnaissance of Maizar Kots, 1897. Lieut.-Col. G. L. J. Goff relinquished command of 2nd Battalion, 1899, to 1st Battalion. John Hasluck Campbell assumed command, 1899.
23 S. Arrived Dover from Aldershot, 1856. Pipers' doublets changed from red to green. Lieut.-Col. W. S. Mills relinquished command, 1890.
24 S. Col. P. D. Trotter assumed command, 1890. Col. Trotter relinquished command, 1894. Lieut.-Col. J. D. Fetherstonhaugh relinquished command, 1898.
25 M. Lieut.-Col. Fetherstonhaugh assumed command, 1894. Lieut.-Col. G. L. J. Goff assumed command, 1898.
26 Tu. Second outbreak of cholera, 1862. Advance of 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, on Maizar, 1897; destruction of Kots commenced.
27 W. Lieut.-Col. MacGregor to half-pay, 1838; Robert Spark, Lieut.-Col., 1838.
28 Th.
29 F. Inspection at Canterbury, and Colours presented by Duke of Wellington, C.-in.-C., 1834.
30 S.
31 S. Horse Guards Circular ordering Sergeants to carry fusils instead of pikes, 1830. Gold substituted for silver lace, 1830. White clothing for Regimental Bands, 1830.

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PAY OF RANK.

To be (acting) paid Lance Corporals with Pay of Rank:—

No. 7969 Lance Corporal G. Stewart, "B" Company, dated 2nd May, 1904. No. 7529 Lance Corporal A. Wilson, "H" Company, dated 2nd May, 1904.

To be appointed Provisional Lance Corporals:—

No. 7095 Private J. McGregor, "B" Company, dated 28th May, 1904. No. 6523 Private T. McDermott, "C" Company, dated 30th May, 1904.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal (while employed in the School):—No. 4619 Private W. McKinnon, "G" Company.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal (while employed in the Attached Section):—No. 7754 Private A. McLeish, "A" Company.

GOOD CONDUCT PAY.

At 2d per diem :—

"A" Company.

No. 6564 Private W. Jamieson.

At 1d per diem :—

"G" Company.

No. 8158 Private W. Gerry.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

Three.

"G" Company.

No. 9372 Private W. Powell.

Two.

"A" Company.

No. 6557 Private J. Miller. | No. 6863 Private T. Gamble.
No. 6914 Private R. Steadman.

"B" Company.

No. 6684 Private J. Smith.

"C" Company.

No. 6875 Pte. J. Donaldson | No. 4902 Pte. G. Colledge.

"F" Company.

No. 6732 Pte. J. Brown | No. 6833 Private J. Collins.
,, 6915 ,, P. Cassidy | ,, 6333 Lce.-Cpl. T. Cridland.

"G" Company.

No. 6877 Private R. Calderwood.

"H" Company.

No. 6755 Private R. Jolly.

One.

"A" Company.

No. 5050 Private J. Briton | No. 8357 Private D. Forrest.

"B" Company.

No. 7987 Private R. Paxton.

"F" Company.

No. 4436 Private T. McMullen.

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"G" Company.

No. 5269 Pte. J. Skene | No. 7595 Pte. A. McMillan.
No. 6105 Private J. McArthur.

"H" Company.

No. 7455 Pte. G. Polson | No. 7970 Pte. D. Airlie.

The following have been selected as Battalion Scouts for the current year, and are allowed to wear Scout Badges:—

No. 5380	Cpl. G. McLuckie	No. 6877	Pte. R. Calderwood
,, 4531	Lc. Cpl. C. Armour	,, 9233	,, J. Bowe
,, 5044	,, J. McMahon	,, 6070	,, T. Peacock
,, 6053	,, G. Kay.	,, 6523	,, J. McDermott
,, 7117	,, C. Mulholland	,, 7461	,, D. Smith.
,, 7505	Pte. P. Cunnion	,, 7414	,, A. McLaren
,, 4874	,, P. Gibson	,, 7856	,, R. Smith
,, 7522	,, W. Clark.	,, 6160	,, E. McCarthy
,, 6703	,, W. Houston	,, 6896	,, R. Sharp
,, 5279	,, W. Pollock	,, 8074	,, J. Henderson
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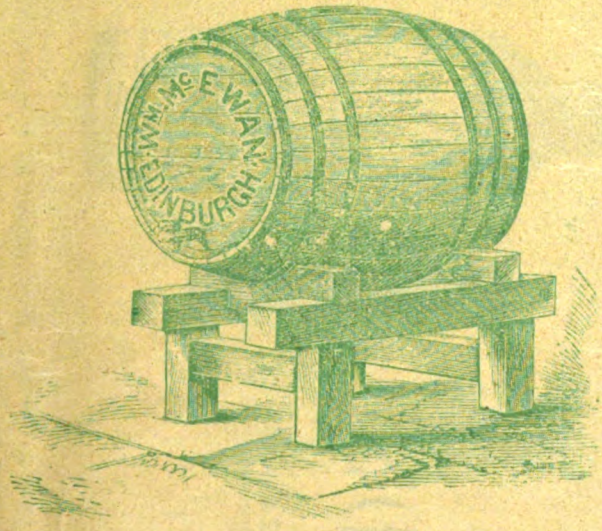

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We apologise to our readers for the delay in the appearance of this number. Nothing has been done for the last month past owing to a succession of unfortunate happenings to the staff. First of all, Sergeant Stobie, our manager, had to resign on account of pressure of duties. Next, Sergeant Buchanan, our hard-working assistant manager, was struck down by that dreadful scourge cholera, and a few days later Lieut. Maclaine, editor of the paper, was taken ill with enteric fever. Sergeant Buchanan, we are pleased to say, has had a marvellous recovery, and is now convalescent; and Mr. Maclaine, at the time of writing, has just passed through the dangerous stage of the disease and will soon, we hope, be on the high road to health again. Fortunately for the regular continuance of the paper two old members of the staff have just arrived from leave and detachment respectively, and taken over the reins of office.

Whilst on editorial matters we desire to thank those who have come forward to our help before with contributions, and to request that they will continue their help and assist us to bring the paper up to date again, as it is now several months behind. To Company Agents, and Company Sports Club committee men, especially, we appeal for accounts, however rough and ready in form, of matters of athletic and general interest which occur in their Companies.

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To Major McKerrell we are indebted for the following list of those present at the Regimental Dinner held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Thursday, 17th June. Major McKerrell writes:—The Chairman, Lieutenant General Sprot, proposed the health of the Colonel of the Regiment, Sir John Ewart, and it was drunk with Highland Honours. We heard of the death of Sir John the next day. The following are the names of some of those who were present:—Lieut. Gen Sprot, Colonels P. D. Trotter, V. Chater, St. Clair, Hunt, J. H. Campbell, Wilson, C.B., J. Murray; Lieut.-Col. E. B. Urmston, C.B., J. G. Wolridge-Gordon, D. Henderson, D.S.O., J. J. Cuninghame; Majors Macdougall of Lunga, McKerrell, Irvine, H. C. Gordon, W. Mure; Captains Newall, Elphinston, Moulton-Barrett, Henderson, Gore, Kirk, Dundas,

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We are glad to note the name of General Traill-Burroughs in the Birthday Gazette, and congratulate him on his advancement to K.C.B.

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A regimental "amusement club" has been started with the object of encouraging the following:—Boxing, gymnastics, club-swinging, reel dancing, ordinary dancing, etc.

The membership of the club is open to all non-commissioned officers and men of the battalion on payment of a small monthly subscription. A room above the supper-room has been fitted up for the use of the members, and we hear that the club is very popular and is already an assured success.

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One pair of running shorts has been issued to each man of the battalion for use in the Gymnasium and elsewhere. To see the battalion on Medical Inspection parade on Saturday mornings dressed in shorts and shirt-sleeves, is a sight that would gladden the eyes of an Inspector-General of Recruiting, in these days of dismal forebodings of the physical degeneracy of our race.

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"G" Company have finished their modified course of musketry, and "H" Company have commenced. We hear that, after all, it is very unlikely that anything will be done to improve the ranges at Wanowrie and that the firing of the full course will shortly be sanctioned.

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A challenge has been sent to the East Lancashire Regiment for a cross country race which has been accepted. A prize will be given and the team should be a thoroughly representative one as it was decided by the result of a cross country race open to the whole battalion. The team is a good one and we confidently predict a good exhibition of cross country racing when the match comes off, which should be some time early next month.

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As a mark of respect, on account of the lamented death of our gallant old Colonel, Sir John Ewart, the Band and Pipers did not play for fourteen days after the sad occurrence.

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The celebration of His Majesty the King's Birthday took place at Poona on 27th June. The battalion paraded just before seven o'clock, and marched to the General Parade Ground, on the race-course, where all the troops from Poona and Kirkee were assembled. After the feu-de-joie and customary cheers the whole of the troops marched past the Governor of Bombay, Lord Lamington, who had just arrived in the station a few days previously for the Poona season. The troops then returned to barracks and the remainder of the day was observed as a holiday.

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The following extract from the Adjutant General in India's letter has been published for information :—

"I am directed to state that the Commander-in-Chief has decided that the orders conveyed in this department letter No. 2503—D, dated 4th December, 1903, regarding the non-employment of third class shots apply to all future candidates for extra Regimental or department employ, and that men at present so employed who are third class shots may be allowed to retain their appointments till they fire their next course. Should they fail to get out of the third class, they will be relieved and returned to regimental duty at once.

"2. His Excellency can see no reason why a soldier of ordinary intelligence, such as a man must have to be selected for extra regimental employment, should fail to attain such a low standard as is required to become a second class shot, unless it is that he is not given facilities for having the necessary amount of preliminary drill and instruction, and arrangements should therefore be made that no soldier proceeds to range practice till he is fit to do so."

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We have been asked by Colonel Sir James Gildea, C.V.O., C.B., the Chairman and Treasurer of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Officers' Branch, to call the notice of our readers to this deserving Association. Funds are urgently required and all subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged. A copy of a letter addressed to the Press will be found on another page wherein full particulars of the objects of this branch of the Association are stated.

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We present with this number as a supplement, a photograph of our late Honorary Colonel, General Sir John Alexander Ewart, G.C.B., taken in 1861, when he commanded the 78th Highlanders.

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"Jeems," said a laird one day to his gardener, "there was something I was going to ask you, but, man, for the life o' me I canna mind what it was "

"Mebbe," said Jeems, who had received no pay for three weeks, "it was to spier at me fat way I was keepin body and soul thegither on the wages I wisna gettin' ?"

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Our late Colonel.

Major Mackenzie, M.V.O, sent the following account of our late Colonel, Sir John Ewart's services, which we regret very much arrived too late for insertion in our last issue :—

The late General Sir John Ewart joined the Army as far back as 1838 as an ensign in the 35th Regiment. He afterwards exchanged to the 93rd and served with it throughout the Eastern Campaign 1854-58, and commanded the leading part of the stormers at the assault of the Secunderabagh.

He lost his left arm at Cawnpore by a cannon shot. He became a Lieut.-Colonel in '58 and Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, with the rank of Colonel, 1859; he then exchanged to the 78th Highlanders, whom he commanded for 5 years; and attained to General's rank 1868; commanded a division of the Bengal Army from 1877 to 1879; promoted to Lieut.-General 1877.

His medals consisted of the Crimean (5 clasps) Sardinian and Turkish medals, 5th class of the Medjidie, and Mutiny medal He was also a Knight of the Legion of Honour and Companion of the Bath, being afterwards awarded the Knight Commander. Our late Colonel always took a deep interest in his regiment, of which he has been honorary colonel for about 10 years. He succeeded General Erskine, on his transfer to the West Riding Regiment.

He used to attend the Balaklava dinner in Glasgow, but for the last two or three years has been unable to do so on account of advancing years. At the Annual Dinner, which takes place in Glasgow, 25th Oct. to commemorate the "Thin Red Line tipped with steel," it is customary for each member of the Ninety Third Highlanders present at dinner to stand up and answer his name quoting regimental number, date of joining, and company. The writer well remembers an old Veteran standing up and answering his name (the name quoted is fictitious as I don't recollect it) "John Bain," the secretary of the dinner calls out. John Bain answers: "No. 1524, 15th June 1838"; a look of conscious pride spread over his face at his length of service. He was duly cheered. Sir John Ewart's name is called. Our gallant Colonel, with the weight of over 80 years on his shoulders, and one empty sleeve, rises. "John Alexander Ewart, 27th May, 1838." This was greeted with a roar of applause.

The last time the writer saw him in the full uniform of the regiment was in 1895 at the Northern meeting in Inverness. He died at his residence in Dumfriesshire in his 84th year, and is survived by a family. His eldest son served for many years in the Cameron Highlanders and is now on the Staff of the newly constituted War Office.

The Russo-Japanese War.

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Very little progress has been made since our last issue, to all outward seeming, by either party towards a decisive effect. The dense fog, which often prevails in the Chinese and Japanese seas, and constitutes a serious danger to Naval operations, is only surpassed by the "fog of war" which overlies the dispositions and movements of both armies, and, if for a few moments it is partially lifted here and there by a fight, it at once settles down thicker than ever. Military Attachés at the front make no better weather in describing the march of events and their probable sequence than do the military experts in arm chairs in other parts of the world, and correspondents with the different armies are quite as much at sea as those sailing in the "Times" steamer the Hai-mun. As we are told, Attachés and correspondents are confined within a circle having a radius of 2,000 yards from their quarters, their sphere of observation must be limited! Crushing and overwhelming as the Japanese projectiles are admitted to be, they are not so continuous and demoralizing as the rain of lies and wild war rumours which falls from the pens of the combatants, and of correspondents at a distance from the actual scene of operations.

We left General Kuroki and his first army at Feng huang-cheng, while General Oku, after his victory at Nanshan on May 26th, was holding with the second army the neck of the Kwang-tung peninsula. This battle again has been an eye-opener for military critics. Three Japanese Divisions, assisted by the fire of some gunboats in Kinchau Bay, by storming drove from its very strong position, strengthened by field works, heavy guns, and wire entanglements, a Russian force of one Division, two batteries of Field Artillery, besides Fortress Artillery and Marines, aided by the fire of the gunboat Bobr in Talienwan Bay. The Japanese trophies included 68 guns, many of them of large calibre, and 10 machine guns, their casualties were 33 officers and 716 men killed, and 100 officers and 3,375 men wounded. The Russians left 10 officers and 693 men dead on the field when they retired.

Advancing on 27th May, part of the first army had a severe encounter at Aiyang-pion-men, 50 miles N.E. of Fenghuangcheng, and again on 28th and 29th near Saimachi, six miles to the North, whence they drove the Russians, but not till June 8th did they occupy the place. On June 6th the rest of this army began extending North-westward along the Liao-yang, Kaiping and Siu-yen roads, dislodging several parties of Russians with loss.

Meanwhile General Oku with his 2nd Army on 30th May, began moving Northwards on Wa-

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feng-kau, 80 miles N. of Port Arthur, where they encountered the outposts of a Russian force under General Stakelberg despatched Southwards by General Kuropatkin to relieve Port Arthur. Daily skirmishes ensued until on June 14th and 15th two Japanese Divisions, with 200 guns drove two and a half Russian Divisions, with 98 guns, from Te-li-ssu, near Wa-feng-kau, with the loss of 14 guns. The Russians were hopelessly outflanked, and had it not been for the arrival of reinforcements they would have been entirely surrounded. Their losses were enormous and not accurately announced, but reliable estimates give at least 2000 killed, 3000 wounded, and 7 officers and 300 men made prisoners. The Japanese lost 7 officers and 210 men killed, and 43 officers and 903 men wounded.

The effect of the new Japanese explosive in their Artillery is terrific, and the shells burst into numerous small sharp-edged fragments which cut like razors flying through the air.

These operations were undertaken in conjunction with a force under General Nodzu, which was landed early in June at Takushan and Pi-tze-wo, which we will call the third army: it apparently consists of two divisions, and on June 8th it occupied Siu-yen, driving back 4,000 Russians with 6 guns.

On June 14th 3,000 men of the first Army occupied Hua-jen-hsien, 65 miles N.E. of Feng-huang-cheng, and on 21st the army began a N.-W. movement from Sai-ma-chi, still throwing forward its right to threaten Mukden, and the railway North of the town. The second army occupied Siung-yo-chen, on the W. coast, 38 miles S. of Niuchuang, and entrenched itself across the railway. The 3rd army from Siu-yen moved by San-tao-kau upon the Fenshui (Propitious) Pass, 23 miles N.W., and on 27th, after six hours severe fighting against five battalions, two regiments of cavalry and 16 guns, obtained possession of it; the Russians lost over 90 killed, and 6 officers, 82 men prisoners, while the Japanese casualties were 170. At the same time the 1st army occupied the Mo-tien (Heaven-touching) Pass 31 miles S.E. of Liao-yang, and the Ta (Great Pass) 35 miles East of Liao-yang.

The 26th June also witnessed the capture by the 4th army of three works 13 miles S.E. of Port Arthur, and a position 8 miles East of that place which they began to fortify. This army, under General Nogi, began embarking in Japan on 1st June, and landing at Dalny and Talienwan, is destined to conduct the siege of Port Arthur. Apparently it consists of four Divisions with Fortress Artillery, or about 85,000 men.

On July 1st the third army, in order to make room for the second army on its left, began withdrawing its outposts eastward from near Ta-shih-chiao (Bigstone Bridge) and at the same time advanced from Hsi-mu-cheng, 16 miles S.E. of Haicheng, which had been captured by the first army on June 26th and 27th. Tashihchiao is the junction of the Tientsin-Niuchuang and Port Arthur-Mukden railways.

On July 3rd the Russian reports stated the Ta Pass could not be occupied by either army owing to the mud caused by the heavy summer rains, yet on 6th we found the Japanese fortifying it. At dawn on this day the portion of the first army occupying the Motien Pass was attacked in a thick fog by General Sakharof's Division. After heavy fighting the Russians were driven back with a loss of 9 officers and 200 men, the Japanese casualties being 15 killed and 31 wounded. By July 7th the first army had its advanced troops at Kang-ta jen Mountains, 10 miles North of Ta Pass and 37 miles S.E. of Mukden.

On July 9th the second army reinforced by a Division of the 3rd army, surprised the Russians under General Kuropatkin at Kaiping, and after desperate fighting defeated and forced them to retire Northwards, following them up along the railway to Ta-shih-chaio, while their cavalry moved along the coast road to Niu-chuang, which is reported to have been occupied unopposed on July 13th.

On July 5th the fourth army seized Taku Mountains, three miles from Port Arthur, and Fort No. 16 (probably on the coast) was taken on 6th. Since then heavy fighting has occurred round the fortress, the Russians losing 1,700 men on the 7th alone. Very heavy explosions occurred there on 11th, and in St. Petersburg its fall is considered imminent. The Russian rumour that the Japanese had been repulsed with a loss of 30,000 men is doubtful and unconfirmed.

The garrison of Port Arthur is estimated at 20,000 men and 10,000 sailors (when the fleet is there), and some 500 guns, hence it should, considering its strength in forts, prove a hard nut for the Japanese Division to crack, unless it is true there is a great scarcity of food, ammunition, and coal within the fortress.

Dalny was occupied on May 30th by a detachment of the second army who found that, although the big pier of the port had been destroyed by the Russians, the town itself was but little damaged. The important railway bridge between Dalny and Kinchau, as well as much rolling stock, had been blown up or burned, but the Japanese found 200 locomotives and cars in good condition. Since then Dalny has been used as a landing place and base of the 4th army under General Nogi. The other armies are based as follows:—1st army on Antung at the mouth of the Yalu River, whence General Kuroki is constructing a light railway to Feng-huang-cheng; the 3rd army under General Nodzu is based on Takushan, and the 2nd

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under General Oku on Pitz-ewo or Port Adams, most likely the former, as it is safer and has a good road to join the railway at Port Adams.

It is calculated that General Kuropatkin cannot now have more than 100,000 men and 200 guns besides heavy Artillery on the line Niu-chuang-Mukden, nor can he expect to get another 100,000 men at the front before October. Consequently the eight Japanese Divisions now facing him, numbering about 170,000 men with probably 400 guns, considerably out-number him. If he elects to retire along the railway he will be getting nearer his reinforcements and will, as he goes, be able to pick up some of the 25,000 men guarding the railway from attempts by the Chunchuses.

At present he stands on a line facing East, parallel to his only line of retreat, the railway, and it is not beyond the bounds of probability that the Japanese may cut this line behind his army or part of it, in which event he will be in a perilous condition.

Of the Russian forces in the Eastern part of the theatre of war, it was reported on June 1st that 1000 Cossacks with six guns were off Hamheung, 50 miles North of Gensan, pillaging Korean villages, whilst awaiting a reinforcement of 4,000 Infantry and 600 Cossacks from the North East, but on the 13th they were falling back on Posseit Bay, where a force of 2,400 Infantry, 100 Cavalry, and four Batteries is stationed; this force is probably part of the garrison of Vladivostock, 65 miles distant. The Japanese have only a very small force at Gensan.

In Naval affairs all has not gone well for either side. The Russian losses in ships comprise the gunboat Bobr, destroyed by themselves when they were driven from Nanshan on May 30th; a destroyer ran on the rocks on May 29th; on June 4th a gunboat was blown up by a mine: on 16th another destroyer was wrecked, and in clearing Talienwan Bay of mines, the Japanese on June 9th found two sunken vessels, one of which is believed to be the cruiser Boyarin.

Not only did the cruiser Novik, with destroyers, make a dash from Port Arthur on June 14th against the Japanese torpedo flotilla, which failed, but on 22nd the fleet, consisting of nine battleships, five cruisers, and 14 destroyers sallied forth, making for the Shantung Promontory, East of Wei-hai-wei. Admiral Togo was on the watch, however, and headed them off and forced them to return to Port Arthur in disorder. It being low tide when they got back, the ships could not enter harbour, and in the roadstead had to withstand all night the Japanese torpedo boat attacks, losing a battleship and three other ships damaged, and on 24th they re-entered the harbour. It will be seen that nearly all the damaged vessels had been repaired sufficiently to go to sea for a short distance, and that the entrance after all the gallant efforts of the Japanese is still practicable for the largest vessels. On June 27th the Japanese sank the cruiser which was used as a guardship at Port Arthur.

Before this the Vladivostock Squadron of three cruisers, having eluded Admiral Kamimura, appeared off the Straits of Shimonoseki, and sank three transports conveying the fourth army troops to Dalny, and two sailing ships, besides capturing the British steamer, "Allanton," with 600 tons of coal on board; the squadron returned to Vladivostock on June 20th, having again evaded Kamimura.

A torpedo boat flotilla was also despatched from Vladivostock on 15th, and after seizing some small country boats on N.W. coast of Japan, got back safely on June 21st. Still again Admiral Bobrazof came forth, and on June 30th, with three cruisers and 10 torpedo boats bombarded the Japanese part of the town of Gensan, but he was caught by 7 Japanese ships in Broughton Bay on July 3rd and compelled to fly back to harbour, the Japanese losing 2 torpedo boats. The Burukof, a destroyer, escaped from Port Arthur, and arrived at Niu-chuang on June 30th, and subsequently got back safely to her station.

Thus the Japanese have not complete command of the sea, and their communications are open to raids. They must wish they had purchased a few more ships before declaring war! It is positively stated they have bought in America the submarine boat, the Protector, which is said to be a most wonderful weapon of war, and was sent to Japan on board a Norwegian vessel in May, and should have reached there by now.

Notwithstanding that all experts declare it is impossible for the Baltic fleet to start before the middle of next year, Russia has applied to France for permission to coal her fleet at French ports, to which France seems inclined to agree, and several steamers of the Russian Volunteer Fleets have passed through the Suez Canal carrying coal for Djiboutil in the Red Sea, and probably Saigon in French Indo-China; moreover a ship of the same fleet, transformed into a cruiser with eight guns has been stopping British steamers in the Red Sea, and she is probably based for coal on Djiboutil. It is also stated that the garrison of Port Arthur, by means of wireless telegraphy, communicates with the French post at Ching-wang-tao, on the West side of the Gulf of Liatung. These acts can scarcely be considered as strict neutrality on the part of the French. In addition to carrier pigeons from Port Arthur, the Russian Consul at Chefoo gets wireless messages, which the Japanese have protested against as a breach of neutrality on the part of China.

The British North China Fleet on July 7th sud-

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denly left Wei-hai-wei, and proceeded to Yung-ching Bay, East of the Shantung Promontory, probably to be in less danger from the numerous floating mines in the China Seas, and H.M.S. Espiégle, which had gone to Niu-chuang, also left there at the same time, it is said at the request of Russia.

The revelations as to swindling and corruption by Russian officials in the supply of warlike material would be astounding if Russia were considered as an European power. For instance whole batteries are said to have been melted down and sold, boxes of Red Cross supplies to Manchuria have been found filled with bricks, and seven millions worth of supplies for the Siberian Railway have been embezzled!

The Japanese Domestic Loan of £100,000,000 was covered three times over, and Russia has had recourse to Germany for a loan of £5,000,000.

On July 8th over 447,000 Russian Reservists were called out for service, as well as Naval ratings to complete the Baltic fleet, whilst Army Reservists in the Southern Provinces have been called up to Sevastopol. This gives colour to the report that the permission of the Sultan has been obtained for the Black Sea fleet, with transports, to pass through the Dardanelles into the Mediterranean on condition of their never returning. What Great Britian has decided to do, if this be true, has not yet been disclosed.

In his haste to get more troops General Kuropatkin has authorized the Governor of Sakkalin to enlist convicts there for army service; not very desirable recruits, as the worst criminals are sent there!

Borrowing a leaf from the Boers, the Russians at the battle of Telissu made use of a Japanese flag, and thus deceived a battery, which suspended fire.

Tug-o'-War.

Following are the weights of "B" Company's team which won the Tug-o'-War Shield at the Regimental games this year:—

	st.	lb.
Sergeant McKinnes ...	13	4
Lce. Corporal Halliday ...	12	9
Private Johnstone ...	12	3
Private Roy	12	0
Corporal Shanks	11	12
Lce. Corporal Swan ...	11	11
Private R. Watt	10	12
Private D. Watt	10	12
Drummer Acheson	10	11
Private Reid	10	10
Total Weight	117	0

He was a recruit from the wilds of Argyllshire, and kind enquires were being made as to how he liked the service and how he was progressing with his drill. "Ay, ay, she thinks she will. Ye see she can lift ta rifle frae here tae here (the order to the shoulder) wi' the best o' them."

The "best o' them" were three militia recruits who made up the remainder of the awkward squad.

The Twa Sides.

In a certain English town the local Debating Society had down "Scotland" as one of the items in the bill of fare, and all the Scotsmen in the town turned up to support their champion, while his opponent had no reason to complain of his following. The Scotsman opened the debate, and, encouraged by the cheers of his countrymen and steadied by the fact that he was in an enemy's camp, he brought into prominence every good point in the national character, explained away the doubtful, and skilfully ignored whatever did not reflect credit on the land of his birth and after a masterly summary of all that was Scottish and best he closed a powerful harangue with the lines:—

"Land of chivalry and freedom;
Land of old historic fame;
May your noble sons and daughters
Long preserve their honoured name.

"Land where foreign foe ne'er ventured;
Land where dastard slave ne'er trod;
Land whose sons are ever foremost
Treading nobly life's long road.

"Land of simple-hearted kindness;
Land of patriotic worth;
May your virtues ever flourish—
Hardy clansmen of the North,

"Land where rest in silent slumbers,
Ashes of our honoured sires;
May their mem'ries long be cherished
Round their humble cottage fires."

When the excitment had calmed somewhat, his English opponent rose to reply, and strong in the knowledge of his adversary's arguments, contented himself with caustically traversing each individual statement regarding the superiority of Scotland and Scotsmen, and in throwing into equally strong relief the less creditable traits of the national character; and after a scathing denunciation of the complacent appropriation of all the virtues by Scotsmen, he closed his address with this contemptuous reply to the climax of his opponent's speech.

"Land of ancient bloody tyrants,
Sneaking traitors, deep and sly:
Land of theiving Hieland deevils,
Kilted rogues and stolen kye.

"Land of Bibles, kirks and bargains,
Saints and lassies awful frail;
Drunkards, sheebeens, godly deacons,
Parritch, whuskey, brose and kail.

"Land of careful, cunning bodies,
Foes to all ungodly fun;
Those who sum up 'Man's Whole Duty,'—
'Heaven, Hell, and Number One.'

"Land of Psalms and drowsy sermons,
Pawky wits and snuffy bores;
Fair-gaun chiels so fond of Scotland,
That they leave it fast in scores."

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And wherein lies the true Scotland?

J. P. T.

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The Soldiers' Catechism.

To the Editor "*The Thin Red Line.*"

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is the remains of a Soldier's Catechism, written by the late Sergeant J. Gray, who died on board the Transport "Alps," 12th September, 1854. I put it in my knapsack when all the author's belongings were consigned to the deep, he having died of cholera. It is of no value to one like myself, but perhaps you may put it to some use. In passing Cathedral Square lately, I was quite delighted to meet an old 93rd man—Ray, (an old Piper Major) gatekeeper in the Cathedral.

Our gallant old Colonel Blackett, a grand officer of the Crimea, has gone across to the majority. Enclosed is a cutting from the "Evening Citizen." Many thanks for your Thin Yin.

Trusting you are enjoying Poona.

Yours truly,

JAMES HUTTON, late 93rd.

Q.—What is your name?

A.—A Soldier.

Q.—Who gave you this name?

A.—The Recruiting Sergeant, when I received the enlisting shilling, whereby I was made a Recruit, and an Inheritor of the Bayonet, Bullet, and Death.

Q.—What did the Recruiting Sergeant then promise for you?

A.—He did promise and vow three things in my name. First, That I should Renounce all ideals of Liberty, or any such nonsense; Second, That I should become saturated with drill; Third, That I should stand up to be shot at whenever called upon.

Q.—Do you think you are bound to do as he has promised for you?

A.—Yes, verily, and by the commissaries' help so I will, and I heartily hope that my Colonel will never call me into such a perilous situation.

Q.—Rehearse the articles of thy Belief.

A.—I Believe in the Colonel, most mighty maker of Sergeants and Corporals, and his Deputy, the Major, who was made an officer by commission, and rose to his rank by promotion, suffering the hardships of Field service, marching, and Fighting, he descended into Trials. Afterwards he rose again and ascended into ease, and sitteth on the right Hand of the Colonel. From thence he shall come to judge the Good and the Bad. I Believe in the Adjutant and the reality of punishment, the Guard house, knapsack drill, confinement to Barracks, the flogging with Cats, and the certainty of these things.

Q.—How many Commandments are there?

A.—Ten.

Q.—What are they?

A.—The same which the Colonel, Commanding Officer gave us, saying I am thy Colonel and Commanding Officer who Commandeth in the Field and in Quarters.

1st.—Thou shalt have no other Colonel but me.

2nd.—Thou shalt not make to thyself any Corporal, or Lance Corporal that is in any European Regiment above, or Sepoy Regiment below, neither shalt thou salute them. For I thy Colonel am a jealous Colonel and visitest the iniquities of my men with stripes unto the third and fourth line, and promote them that obey me and keep my Orders and Commandments.

3rd.—Thou shalt not take the name of thy Colonel in vain, for he is Guilty that doth the same.

4th.—Remember thou have Church Parade. Six days thou shalt have Drill and Field days, but the seventh thou shalt attend no manner of Drill, thou nor thy Firelock nor thy Pouch-Belt nor thy Ammunition nor any of thy appointment, for six days are sufficient for these things. Therefore prepare yourselves for the seventh day on which I order Church Parade. And see that ye attend unto it.

5th.—Honour thy Colonel and thy Major that thy days may be long in the Regiment to which ye belong.

6th.—Thou shalt not get Drunk on duty.

7th.—Thou shalt not be absent from Drill.

8th.—Thou shalt not come Dirty to parade

9th.—Thou shalt not sell thy Kit.

10th.—Thou shalt not covet thy Pay Sergeant's sword, thou shalt not covet thy Pay Sergeant's coat, nor his place, nor his pay, nor his perquisites, nor his wife, nor any thing that is his.

Q.—What do you chiefly learn by Commandments.

A.—I learn two things—My duty towards my Colonel, and my duty towards my Pay Sergeant.

Q.—What is your duty towards your Colonel?

A.—My duty towards my Colonel is to believe in him, to fear him, to obey him in all his orders And all who are put in lawful authority under him, with all my strenth with all my mind, to appear before him as a Soldier, to salute him, to submit to him in all respects whatever, and to put my trust in him for promotion to give him thanks when he does it. Honour him and his commission and to serve him faithfully and truly all the days of my life.

Q.—What is your duty towards your Pay Sergeant?

A.—My duty towards my Pay Sergeant is to obey his directions, to look to him for my payment, allowances of clothing, to borrow ten shillings from him and pay twelve in return, to sign all books and papers he may require, and never to doubt in any thing he may say or do here or hereafter.

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History of Purandhar.

The earliest mention known of Purandhar is in the reign of the First Bahmani king, Ala-ud-din Hasan Ganga (1347-58) who obtained possession of almost the whole Maharastra from the Purandhar range to the Kaveri and fortified Purandhar Fort in 1350.

About 1384 the fortifications were repaired and semi-circular bastions were added by the Fifth Bahmani king, Mahmud the First (1378-97). Purandhar was amongst the Poona Forts which fell to Ahmed, the founder of the Nizam Shahi dynasty. After his success at Juvihav in 1486, it continued in the hands of the Nizam Shahi for more than a century.

Under the early rule of the Bijapur and Ahmednagar kings, Purandhar was amongst the forts which were received by Government and never entrusted to Jagherdars or "Estate holders." The fort of Purandhar seems to have passed to Maloji the grand-father of Shivaji, when Bahadar Nizam Shahi of Ahmednagar (1596-99) granted him Poona and Supa. It remained with Malaji, son of Shahaji, till in 1627 it was taken by the Moghals. In 1637 when Shahaji joined the service of the Bijapur kings, chiefly through his help, Purandhar was won from the Moghals. Soon after the transfer of Purandhar to Bijapur was confirmed in a treaty between Bijapur and the Moghals. Though it passed under Bijapur, the fort continued to be commanded by a Hindu. In 1647, about the time of Dadaji Kondev's death, the Commandant of Purandhar died. As the families were friendly Shahaji was asked to settle some points in dispute among the Commandant's three sons. He went to the fort, persuaded the younger brothers at night to make their elder brother prisoner, and during the disturbances secretly filled the fort with his Morles and took it without bloodshed, keeping the brothers well disposed to him by grants of lands and villages.

In 1655 Raja Jaysing who was sent by Aurangzeb to the South to conduct the war against Shivaji promptly despatched a force under Dilawar Khan to attack Purandhar. The Fort was resolutely defended by Marles and Hetkaris, but after a long siege they lost heart and sent word to Shivaji that they could hold out no longer. They would have left the Fort but Shivaji asked them to hold it until be should send them word to retire. Shivaji, who was unable to make head way against the Moghals, came as a suppliant to Jaysing and Dilawar Khan, handed to them the keys both of Purandhar and Singhad. After its capture Purandhar remained in the hands of Moghals till in 1670. Soon after his capture of Singhad, it was scaled and taken for Shivaji by Suryaji the brother of Taraji Malusree. In 1705 Purandhar fell into the hands of the Emperor Aurungzeb (1651-1707), In 1707, after the death of Aurungzeb, Purandhar was retaken by Shankeraji Narayen Naraen Sadev an adherent of Tarabai the widow of Rajaram (1689-1700). In the same year on being restored to liberty by the Emperor Bahadar Shah (1707-1712) Shaha of Satara (1708-49) Shivaji's grandson, came to Poona and summoned Shankarji Narayen the Punt Saheb to deliver the fort, but Shankarji did not obey. About 1700 Jadhav Chandasen *Jadhar* who had taken service with the Nizam drove back the Maharattas from the Godaveri to the Bhima. To support the local troops, Shaha sent Balaji Visvanath, the founder of the family of the Poona Peshwas. Balaji joined Hanbatrao and the two fell back on Purandhar. A battle was fought which the Maharattas claim as a victory, but which seems to have been a defeat as they afterwards retreated to the Salpa Pass.

In 1714 the first Peshwa, Balaji Vishvanath (1714-20) succeeded in procuring the release of the Punt Saheb; who was confined at Hingangaeon, about 40 miles East of Poona, by Damajee Thorat a partisan of Kolhapur.

In return for this service Punt Saheb's mother presented Balaji with all the Punt Saheb's rights in Purandhar, and gave him the fort as a place of safety for his family whose headquarters had been at Sasvad. This transfer was confirmed by Shaha. In 1750 Treffen Thaler notices the hill forts of Lotisgad and Purandhar. The fort continued in the possession of the Peshwa till in 1762 Raghunrao the uncle of the 4th Peshwa, Madhavrao (1661-72) bestowed it on the Purandhar family. After the murder of the Fifth Peshwa Narayenrao (1772-73) on the 30th January 1774, his pregnant widow Gangabai was carried for safety to Purandhar by Nana Farnivis and Haripunt Shadke. On the 18th April the birth of a son to Gangabai at Purandhar destroyed all Raghunathroa's hopes of becoming Peshwa. A short time afterwards letters intercepted by Haripunt near Bashampur showed that a plot was formed by Moroba, Rajaba and Rabaji Naik to sieze Sakaram, Bapu, Nana, Gangabai and the infant Madhavrao, all of whom to escape the damp chill of Purandhar had to come to live at Sasvad during the rains. They heard of this conspiracy on the 30th June, and at once fled to the Fort. In 1775 Nana and Sakharam Bapu returned to Purandhar, and from there managed all state affairs. After much discussion, on the 1st May, 1776, the treaty of Purandhar was settled and signed by Sakharam, Bapu, and Nana Furnivis, on behalf of the Peshwa, and Colonel Upton on behalf of the Bengal Government. The chief provisions of the treaty were that Salsette, and territory yielding £3,000 a year, and Broach, and territory worth £3000 more should be left with

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the English, and £120,000 should be paid to them on account of war expenses, that the treaty of Raghunthrao should be annulled—that the English should return to garrison, and Raghunthrao's army be disbanded within a month, and that Raghunthrao should receive an establishment and live at Kopergaon on the Godavri. In 1778 fearing the growing strength of his cousin Madhoba, Nana Furnavis retired to Purandhar, and agreed to bring Raghunthrao to Poona, provided that no harm should come to him or his property. On the 8th June Haripunt Sadke and Sahaji Scindia joined Nana at Purandhar, and by a note of £90,000 gained Holkar to Nana's side. In 1796, alarmed at the threatened attack of Scindia and his minister Baloba on Poona, Nana again fled to Purandhar Fort. In 1817 Purandhar was one of the three forts which General Elphinstone, the English Resident at Poona, summoned Bajirao to deliver as a pledge that Trimbukji Denglia would be surrendered.

It was restored to Bajirao after a few months. In the last Maharatta war (1818) after the capture of Singhad, Major Eldridge with 4 Companies of the Bombay European Regiment, and 4 Companies of Rifles, marched on through the Purandhar Pass to the north of the Fortress. A detachment under Major Thatcher, consisting of 3 companies of the Bombay European Regiment, and 5 Companies of Madras and Bombay Native Infantry, marched on the 1st for the south end of the Fort. Head Quarters and the rest of the Division continued the march on the 9th, 10th and 11th, and arrived by way of Jejuri in a position three miles north of the Fort of Purandhar and Vazirghad. Within four miles of of the Camp, at the village of Sasvad, was a strong stone building, the Peshwa's fortified palace, in which a party of 200 men, Arabs, Sidhis, and Hindustanis, had shut themselves, with small guns, and made a show of resisttance. The walls were so substantial that six-pounders did them no harm. Eighteen pounders we e then brought, but though they also seemed to make no impression on the walls, they had a sufficient effect on the minds of the garrison to make them surrender.

The further operations against Purandhar were sharp; on the 14th March, 1818, a mortar battery opened on the fort, and on the 15th Vazirghad admitted a British garrison. As the place commanded Purandhar, the Commandant had to accept the terms given to the garrison of Vazirghad, and the British Colours were hoisted on the 16th.

In 1845, during Raghojee's Bhangria's disturbances, troops were sent to Purandhar in case the insurgents might seize the Fort.

HEIGHTS.

Vazirghad	4,440	feet
Purandhar—		
Delhi Gate	4,270	„
Kedar Bawa Temple ...	4,564	„
Church	3,965	„
Commandant's Bungalow ...	4,000	„

Supposed amount of Treasure buried:—
Rs. 25,000,000 in gold bricks.

The Barracks consist of four large well built bungalows, built by Chinese convicts. Accommodation for 250. Roads in good order. Government Bakery and Slaughter house are on a spur to the S.E. of Barracks, and are well looked after by the Commissariat Agent.

Home and Depot Notes.

It is our pleasant duty to congratulate that staunch old veteran, Drum-Major Rattray, on receiving the silver medal for meritorious service, together with an annuity of £10 which His Majesty the King has been pleased to award him.

Drum-Major Rattray enlisted in the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders in 1846, and eight years afterwards embarked with his battalion for the Crimea, where the regiment was a unit of the Highland Brigade under Sir Colin Campbell. He was promoted to be Drum-Major during the campaign, and at the close of it he returned with his regiment to England, arriving there in July 1856. Eleven months later three companies of the regiment embarked at Portsmouth for China, but at the Cape countermanding orders for India were received, and they went thither, Drum-Major Rattray taking part in the Relief of Lucknow and twelve minor engagements. In 1862-3 he took part in the Umbeyla campaign, where the British troops encountered the Swat tribesmen. He retired from the Army in 1868, and for the next thirty-one years found civil employment in Valleyfield Mills, retiring finally four years ago. The above medal is the sixth Army medal which has been conferred upon him, together with six bars or clasps.

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The Sergeants at the Depot, Stirling, appear to find life very agrreable judging from the number of "Social events" they find time to attend to. A whist team from the Unionist club lately interviewed the sergeants of the Depot but were unable to obtain victory. The first match of the tournament ended in a win for the Unionist Club and the second in a draw, so that another match is still necessary to settle the question of superiority. A highly enjoyable evening followed the visit of the Unionist Club to the castle. The usual number of songs were sung and healths pledged.

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Colonel Hunt and the officers at Stirling Castle gave a garden party lately, which was numerously attended Owing to the uncertainty of the weather the function was held in the Mess Room, but it was not on that account less successful than the entertainments given at the Castle usually are. Excellent music was supplied by Herr Iff's band from Glasgow, and by a number of regimental pipers.

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Lieut. Ian Burnley Campbell was lately presented by the tenants and work-people on Ormidale estate with a handsome silver cup on the occasion of his coming of age. The Rev. Mr. MacIntyre, Kilmonivaig, who was 23 years parish minister of Kilmodan, proposed the toast of the evening. Mr. Norman Lamont, Knockdow, proposed the toast of the "Host and Hostess." Quite a number of army officers were present, including representatives from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Scottish Horse, and Lovat's Scouts.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT he wis a guid shot wi a pea sling.

That he wis knocked aff his meat for a week.

That he wis a Polisman tae.

That he kens a Sairgent wha, when a joskin, whitewashed his shoon because he had nae white spats.

That a piper was blawin' aboot a bobajee getting a month's pay every week.

That she could see ta target better wi' her twa een open.

That it wad like tae ken whit the skipper wis dae'n up a' nicht wi a caunle and a hammer. (Wis he looking for Neil Flaherty's Drake or the Scottish Horse?)

That its feet were on the wrong side of the field.

That he thocht he wis the sleeping beauty in the Gaff, but when he woke up he found he wis only an ordinary bug-hunter.

That he couldna walk a hunner yairds without a gharry.

That his chum wis a gran haun at speaking shorthand.

That there is a regimental monsoon going about tae learn onybody that likes Hindustani.

That he came oot o' hospital in a Donga.

That he had twa buttons and a soap-brush in his private box.

That the left heel wis tae be carried off ten inches in front of the left toe.

That he wanted a white flannel grey-back.

Funeral of the late General Sir J. A. Ewart

(From the Stirling Sentinel.)

The funeral of General Sir John Ewart, G.C.B., took place on Thursday. At Craigcleuch, Langholm, service was conducted at half-past seven in the morning by the Rev. Alexander Young, minister of the parish, after which the funeral cortege started on its way to Stirling. Wreaths were sent by, among others, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, the officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Mrs. Spencer Ewart, Miss May Ewart, Mrs. Charles Ewart, Captain and Mrs. Walter Ewart, Mrs Moseley, Colonel and Mrs. Hamilton, Capt. and Mrs. Heathcote, Mr. and Mrs. St. Leger, and Col. and Mrs. Montague Johnstone. Colonel Ewart, eldest son of the deceased, was chief mourner (the other members of the family being at Stirling). The cortege reached the outskirts of the town at eight o'clock, where the Langholm Volunteers, under Captain Bell, were drawn up. They presented arms, and with reversed arms, and to the music of the pipers, marched at slow time in front of the hearse through the town, forming an escort to the station. On the recommendation of the Magistrates, all places of business were closed, and flags floated half-mast from many buildings. A large number of people lined the streets. At the station the Volunteers again presented arms as the coffin was transferred to the 8-30 train to the north.

The train conveying the remains was due to arrive in Stirling at 2·32 by which hour an immense assemblage had gathered in the Station Road and vicinity, while along the route to the cemetery the streets were lined with spectators. For half an hour before the arrival of the train the military guard was being marshalled by Captain Moulton-Barrett, Stirling Castle, and everything was in order when the train arrived. The vehicle containing the coffin was shunted into a siding alongside the gun carriage, when the coffin was transferred by the sergeants of the depot, Stirling Castle, the deceased officer's sword and feather bonnet being placed on the top of the coffin, which was covered with his tartan plaid. The escort and firing party of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, under the command of Captain C. A. H. Maclean, presented arms as this was done, and then reversing arms they moved slowly off at the head of the cortege as the minute guns at Stirling Castle boomed out across the valley. Behind followed the band of the Black Watch, playing the beautiful, weird, and impressive music of Beethoven's Funeral March. The pipers of the 91st, from Aldershot, and from the depots at Paisley and Stirling, and also of the 42nd, came next in order. The carrying party, which walked alongside the gun carriage, was composed on the left of Captain M'Laren, Gordon Highlanders, representing General Sir Charles Tucker; Colonel Duff, Black Watch; Major Carnegie, 72nd; and Col. Campbell of Inverardoch representing the 93rd Highlanders; and on the right by Capt. M'Neill, A. & S. Highlanders; Captain Holland, R.A.; Colonel Inglis, R.A.; and Col. Grogan, Commanding the 42nd Regimental District, Perth. The gun carriage, which was provided by the Royal Artillery, Glasgow, was drawn by six horses, with drivers and gunners. The principal mourners, who followed on foot, were Colonel Ewart, the eldest son; Captain Ewart, R.N., second son; Mr. Herbert Ewart, nephew; Colonel Hunt, Stirling Castle, representing Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) and the Duke of Argyll; and Lord Provost Sir Robert Cranston, Edinburgh. Veterans of the deceased's old regiments, under Colonel Middleton, 3rd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who came next, included the following heroes of the 93rd, some of whom served under Sir John in all the principal

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battles of the Crimean Campaign :—Colour-Sergeant James Hutton, Glasgow; Sergeant-Major John Motion, Row; Sergeant William Fulton, Glasgow; Private J. D. Maxwell, Dunblane; Sergeant Adam Christie, Tillicoultry; Colour-Sergeant James Bryce, Anstruther; Private John Watson, Cambusbarron; Sergeant George Martin, Glasgow; Corporal Edward McKinlay, Govan; Sergeant-Major William Russell, Glasgow; and Sergeant Francis Murphy, Stirling. Representative Officers from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Gordon Highlanders, the Seaforth Highlanders, the Black Watch, and other regiments followed. They included Captain Tweedie and Lieutenant Beattie, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Captain Harvey and Lieutenants Green, Allan, and Chalmers, Black Watch; Major Ludwick, D.S.O., Army Pay Corps, &c. Next in order the procession came the Warrant Officers and Sergeants from the depot, and men of the 3rd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, under Lieutenant Thorpe and Lieut. Ure; and behind them a large detachment of the Black Watch from Edinburgh, commanded by Lieutenant Grant Suttie. As the long and imposing cortége proceeded by way of Murray Place, King Street, Spittal Street, and St. John Street, its impressiveness thrilled the onlookers, and everywhere a deep and reverent spirit was observed. The shops all along the route were closed, and the traffic stopped. The Black Watch pipers and muffled Drums, and the pipers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, played their own laments. At the cemetery gate the funeral was met by Rev. D. Steele-Morris, officiating chaplain of Holy Trinity Church, who recited the opening passages of the Anglican burial service, which he concluded after the coffin had been lowered into the grave. The buglers then sounded the "Last Post," and the impressive proceedings terminated with another salute of fifteen minute guns from the battery at the Castle. After the funeral the visiting soldiers had tea at the Castle, and the veterans were entertained to dinner in the Golden Lion Hotel by Colonel Middleton. Rather a touching circumstance is disclosed in the King's list of birthday honours. It states that the King has been pleased to confer a Knight's Grand Cross of the Bath (Military Division) upon General Sir John Ewart ("since deceased.")

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Letters to the Editor.

Dear Sir,

Herewith roll of veterans of the Ninety-Third Association, whom I had the honour of commanding at the late Sir John Ewart's funeral at Stirling.

Colour-Sergeant Hutton was serving in the company Sir John was posted to on joining.

Yours very truly,
ALFRED H. MIDDLETON.

Names of Veterans who attended the late General Sir J. A. Ewart's funeral on 23rd June, 1904.

Sergt-Major John Motion,	joined 26th Augt., 1849.
Colour-Sergt. James Hutton,	,, 27th Nov., 1847.
Sergt. Adam Christie,	,, 12th May, 1853.
Sergt. William Fulton,	,, 24th March, 1851.
Colour-Sergt. James Bryce,	,, 20th Nov., 1854.
Sergeant Francis Murphy,	,, 18th July, 1853.
Private J. D. Maxwell,	,, 22nd April, 1858.
Private John Watson,	,, 31st Jan., 1852,
Sergeant George Martin,	,, 1st Oct., 1857, Secretary.
Corpl. Edward McKinley,	,, 22nd Nov., 1858.
Colour-Sergt. William Russell,	joined 25th January, 1861.

To the Editor, "Thin Red Line."

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity of writing you enquiring how the old Regiment is getting on. I enclose cutting from a South African newspaper telling you that "F" Company's flyer is still alive. I should be pleased to be able to read a "Thin Red Line" again. Sergt Nixon is a Manager of Burrough and Watts' Billiard Table Manufactory here. I am Sanitary Inspector here and doing well. There are lots of the old Corps in South Africa. I sincerely hope in the near future to visit India again. I must now conclude and trust you will accept my good wishes for the success of The Old Regiment.

Yours etc.,
J. HYNCH.

Port Elizabeth,
South Africa.

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A BELATED FAREWELL.

The following lines were forwarded to us by Sergeant Marks, late of the Battalion and now Staff Sergeant on the Punjab-Bengal Unattached List, with the information that a certain gallant Corporal, still with the battalion, would probably recognize his own poetic (sic) effort. The verses *apparently* refer to the departure of Colonel Campbell of Inverardoch from the command of the battalion in Calcutta last year.

"Stop, ye gallant Ninety-Third!"
Old Colonel Campbell cried
As he bid his gallant lads good-bye
Upon the wide maidan.

I leave you all to-day, my men,
But with a heavy heart,
We have spent sae mony years as yin
And noo we hae tae part.

But still be true and brave, my boys,
Whate'er your work may be,
Remember old Sir Colin's joy
Of his dear old Nine and Three.

And now my men be careful
To work as you did with me
With he who is now responsible
For the honour of the Ninety-Three.

Our honours lads are precious,
Gained in countries far,
Where our gallant fathers triumphed
In glorious times of War.

Now I am off to Scotland,
The land we love so dear,
But I will ne'er forget the lads
Although I'm faur frae here.

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Officers' v. Sergeants' Shooting Match.

This match took place on Thursday the 19th instant, when other shooting in connection with the Regimental Shooting Club was suspended in favour of the match.

The two teams met on the range at 6-30 a.m., and about 7 a.m. the shooting commenced at 600 yards. At this distance the light was splendid, and although all were inclined to blame a right wind for the indifferent scores made, it was an ideal day for shooting. Leaving 600 yards for 500 the Sergeants were leading by 52 points.

At 500 yards the light was very bright, the sun now being well up, and the heat became a little fatiguing. Here the officers bettered their 600 yards score by 54 points, but the Sergeants did much better here too, and left 500 leading by 141 points. After light refreshments the shooting resumed at 200 yards. The officers finishing up with a grand total of 944 against the Sergeants' 1122 points.

The Sergeants were "At Home," and after finishing at 200 yards all partook of breakfast on the range, which was (although a little cold owing to having been ready at 9 a.m.) much enjoyed at about 10-30.

The eight best scorers on each side were: officers — 2nd Lieut. R. G. Maclaine, Capt. Darroch, Lieut. Langton, Lieut. Kennedy, Capt. Marshall, Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Lundie, 2nd Lieut. James, and Major Vallancey.

Sergeants: —Sergts. Stewart, Macdonald, Colr.-Sergt. Ewan, Sergt. Piper Lynch, Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Weller, Sergt.-Major Ditcham, Sergt. Stobie, and Colr.-Sergt Clarke.

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Entertainment.

By an occasional contributor.

A variety company visited Poona during the month of June, and the "show" was of such quality as to be able to "run" for two weeks between this station and Kirkee. Our share of the entertainment was received on the 20th and 21st with crowded houses, and the artistes were again to have amused us on the following night, but the prospective audience was disappointed, for on that date the sad news reached the 93rd of the death of General Ewart. Messrs. Ross and Liddiard are to be congratulated on being so fortunate as to have under their management such a troupe of persevering and talented artistes—three of whom we are informed were actually "appearing" handicapped by indisposition and slight accidents.

Those of us who were pleasure seekers while stationed in Calcutta, would no doubt recognise in one or two members of the company "old friends" who used to face us from before the footlights in that ever-to-be-remembered city. The name Banvard is also reminiscent to not a few of us, of the "Banvard Troupe," the fame of which has not yet died out of the regiment, though it is several years now since that memorable time in Bareilly. We feel sure that the company would have another hearty reception were they to pay us a second early visit, all the more so that in its ranks is now numbered —

"YIN O' OOR AIN."

Stray Notes from the Corporals' Room.

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The members of the above Mess participated in a card tournament last month, Corporal Youngson, our caterer, being responsible for the drawings, and playing off, of each competition. That the tournament was thoroughly appreciated by the members will be seen by the large number of entries for the various games, which include whist, crib, bezique, and "fat." Appended are the results of the semi-finals of each particular.

CRIB.

Semi-Final.

Corporal. Ellis beat Corporal Stewart.
,, Hiddles ,, Lce. Corporal Blake.

Final.

,, Hiddles beat ,, ,, Ellis.

WHIST.

Semi-Final.

Cpls. Gilmour and Youngson beat Lce. Cpls. Swan and McGregor.
,, Wilson and Ellis beat Cpl. Walker and Lce. Cpl. Bowe.

Final.

Cpls. Wilson and Ellis beat Cpls. Gilmour and Youngson.

BEZIQUE.

Semi-Final.

Corporal McElroy beat Corporal Gilmour.
Lce. Copl. Galbraith beat Cpl. Walker.

Final.

Lce Cpl. Galbraith beat Cpl. McElroy.

"FAT."

Semi-Final.

Cpl. McKinlay and Lce. Cpl. Kay beat Cpl. Ellis and Lce. Cpl. Bowe.
Lce. Cpl. Swan and Gellately beat Cpl. Youngson and McLuckie.

Final.

Lce. Cpl. Swan and Gellately beat Cpl. McKinlay and Lce. Cpl. Kay.

The Corporals can now indulge in a game of Billiards twice a week, the tables in the Regimental Institute being reserved for them from 2 to 5 on Tuesdays and Fridays.. There has been some talk of a handicap, but somehow or other, it has fallen through, owing, I believe, to the insufficiency of the hours at our disposal. It would be rather a momentous affair, under the above mentioned circumstances, to try and bring off a handicap amongst such wretched exponents of the game as we are. However, we still live in the hope of arrangements suitable to every one being made, as a handicapped tournament would be of undoubted interest to all. "FLAGS."

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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

The attendance at the fortnightly dances has increased greatly during the past month; a goodly number of the fair sex turning up each time—a gratifying circumstance to those who indulge in the Terpsichorean art.

Tennis is also in full swing, and it is pleasing to note that a great many turn up each evening to participate in this popular game.

During the month the membership of the mess has been increased by the addition of Lance Sergeants Smith and Watt to the roll.

SHOOTING MATCH.

East Lancashire Regiment v. 93rd Highlanders.

A very successful shoot was brought to an issue between the Sergeants of the above on Thursday, June 23rd, and resulted in rather an easy win for us by 134 points.

The day being Thursday, shooting commenced somewhat early and was finished in capital time for lunch, which was served in three E.P. tents pitched for the occasion at the 600 yards point. Unfortunately the day was not conducive to good shooting, in consequence of which some very poor scores were made, as a perusal of the same will show. Sergt. Stobie was the highest scorer on the range with a total of 94 points, followed by Sergt. Major Ditcham, 87 points. Cr.-Sergt. Blunt, East Lancashires, topped his side with 86 points.

The scores of the respective teams at the various distances were as follows:—

93RD HIGHLANDERS.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Sergt. Stobie	33	28	33	94
Sgt.-Major Ditcham	31	26	30	87
Cr.-Sgt. Ewan ...	33	27	25	85
Sgt. Stewart	30	26	26	82
„ Scott	26	26	26	78
Cr.-Sgt. Arnott ...	25	27	25	77
Sgt. Crawford ...	28	24	24	76
Drum Major Duff...	28	25	22	73
Sgt. Buchanan ...	28	23	22	73
„ Sim...	25	24	22	71
Total ...	287	254	255	796

EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

Cr.-Sgt. Blunt ...	30	23	33	86
Sgt. Phillips	28	27	18	73
Sgt.-Major Shaw ...	23	25	23	71
Cr.-Sgt. Rimmer ...	25	19	22	66
Sgt. Shakspeare ..	34	10	21	65
Cr.-Sgt. Egan ...	24	24	17	65
Sgt. Neary	21	24	12	65
„ Byrne	21	24	17	62
„ Woodman ...	19	23	14	56
Cr.-Sgt. Bull	23	24	6	53
Total ...	256	223	186	662

TENNIS MATCH.

East Lancashire Regiment v. 93rd Highlanders.

This match was the outcome of a challenge sent us by our brother N.C.O.s of the East Lancashire Regiment and was played off on their ground on Wednesday, June 29th. As was expected, our Ghorpuri friends proved victorious, winning comparatively speaking "hands down." Qr.-Mr.-Sgt. Weller and Drum Major Duff were the only two who did not have to acknowledge defeat at the hands of our skilful opponents.

The following were the results:—

East Lancashire Regiment.	*Games.*	*93rd Highlanders.*	*Games.*
Sgt. Major Shaw ...	6	Bd.-Mr. Walsh ..	1
Qr. Mr. Sgt. Haigh	6	Pr.-Sgt. Snowdon...	2
Sgt. Chapman ...	4	Qr. Mr. Sgt. Weller	6
	6		2
„ Kidd	5	Drum Major Duff...	6
„ Woodman ...	6	Sgt. Scott	1
„ Deane	6	„ Wallace	0
„ Doyle	6	„ Sutherland ...	1
„ Miley	6	„ Buchanan ...	1
„ Davey	6	„ Mahoney ...	1
„ Simmons ...	6	Cr. Sgt. Clarke ...	1
Total ...	63	Total ...	22

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"The Game."

(With Apologies to the Poet.)

Come along, come along,
Have a game, onward
Into the billiard room,
Only one, one hundred.
Forward the marker came;
"Marker we want a game.
Jones, I can let you have
Half of that hundred."

Jones uttered no retort—
Jones was a quiet sort—
Marker put spot ahead
Fifty, and wondered.
His not to make reply,
His not to reason why
His but to gasp, "My eye!"
Jones in that billiard room
Oft made a hundred.

Cannons to right of him,
Cannons to left of him;
Cannons in front of him,
Jones never blundered:
Brown only stood and stared,
Marker the break declared,
Loud through the billiard room,
"Four off the hundred!"

Brown he replaced his cue,
Paid marker what was due,
Paid for refreshments too,
Went home and and wondered:
Swears he'll give Jones away
When he has learned to play,
Practising every day,
In that same billiard room
Breaks of Five Hundred.

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The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

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COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE PRESS.

SIR,

In 1899, a scheme was initiated for the benefit of the Widows and unmarried Daughters (whose income do not exceed 100*l.* per annum) by the provision of Apartments rent free, on the same system as those at Hampton Court and Kensington Palaces are graciously granted by the King.

Sufficient Funds were then privately subscribed to provide for twelve ladies: and the Widows and Daughters of four Officers of the rank of general, two of Colonels, two of Commanders, and four of Captains, were temporarily accommodated.

So much having been done during the war, not only for the Wives and Families of Soldiers and Sailors, but for the men themselves (this Association alone having given in relief close on One Million and a Quarter Pounds to the former) it is felt that more should now be done to make some better provision for the Widows and Daughters of Officers in their declining years.

In view of the recent laudable efforts of the War Office (in reducing Officer's expenses, &c.) to attract to the Army as a Profession men of smaller means, there may in the future arise an increased necessity for providing for the Widows and Daughters of Officers, especially of those killed in action at an early period of their career.

There are at the present time over 90 Candidates waiting election, and there is a little doubt that as the scheme becomes more generally known the numbers will be largely increased.

In consequence of the high rent demanded for suitable Apartments, and the uncertainty of their tenure, it has been decided at once to make a commencement by building, as funds are forthcoming, suites of self-contained Apartments on a very desirable Freehold site which has been obtained at Wimbledon.

The benefit of a free home, with no anxieties as to rent and taxes, to those who have a small but barely sufficient income for maintenance cannot be overrated. Those only who are connected with Naval and Military Funds and Institutions know of the distressing cases which are continually coming to light of Officers' Widows and Daughters, who, from the natural delicacy of their position seldom make their wants known; but who are bravely battling against their altered position, in most cases brought about through circumstances over which they had no control, and for which they were in no way responsible.

I have also to announce that it has the entire approval of the Queen, and Her Majesty has contributed the sum of Five Thousand Pounds to its extension out of Her War Fund.

The Council confidently appeals both to the Public and the Services on their behalf.

Contributions crossed "Coutts & Co.," and made payable to me as Treasurer of the Officers' Branch of the Association will be thankfully received and acknowledged, and any further information supplied that may be desired.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

JAMES GILDEA,
Chairman and Treasurer.

23, Queen Anne's Gate,
Westminster, S. W.

Ninety-Third Calendar for August, 1904.

93rd Sutherland Highlanders embodied at Inverness, 1800.

"*Sutherland News*" first issued, Dagshai, 1892.

1	M.	Embarked Troopship "*Resistance*," Canada for England, 1848.
2	Tu.	Aldershot for Windsor.
3	W.	
4	Th.	Colours at present carried by the Battalion presented by Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland in the Queen's Park, Edinburgh, 1871; old colours carried through Mutiny Campaign sent to Dunrobin.
5	F.	
6	S.	
7	S.	Outbreak of cholera at Jhansi, 1869; 11 deaths.
8	M.	
9	Tu.	"*Belleisle*" arrived at Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope, 1857; first intimation of outbreak of Indian Mutiny.
10	W.	Colonel H. W. Stisted, C.B., Major-General, 1864. F. W. Traill-Burroughs to command, 1864.
11	Th.	Weedon to Portsmouth, 1852. Head-quarters arrived Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope, *en route* for China, 1857. Destination altered to India owing to outbreak of Mutiny.
12	F.	
13	S.	Sports of Tochi Field Force at Sheranni, 1897: won Tug-of-War and Khud race.
14	S.	
15	M.	Disembarked Plymouth from Cape of Good Hope, 1814.
16	Tu.	
17	W.	Durbar at Sheranni, Waziristan, 1897.
18	Th.	
19	F.	
20	S.	
21	S.	
22	M.	
23	Tu.	First column for Khaza Valley left Sheranni, 1897.
24	W.	
25	Th.	
26	F.	
27	S.	
28	S.	Return of Khaza Column to Sherrani, 1897.
29	M.	
30	Tu.	Arrived Leith from Stirling, 1848.
31	W.	Disembarked Leith from Canada, 1847. Embarked S.S. "*Terrible*," Varna for Crimea, 1854.

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A good story is told of a young recruit who enlisted in a regiment now stationed in India. One day he was on guard duty, and was slowly stepping up and down when an officer approached. After the usual salute the officer said, "Let me see your rifle." The raw recruit handed over his rifle, and a pleased expression stole over his face. As the officer received the weapon he said in a tone of deepest disgust, "You're a fine soldier! You've given up your rifle, and now what are going to do?" The young fellow turned pale, and putting his hand in his pocket drew out a big knife, and preparing for business, said in a voice that could not be misunderstood, "Gi' me that rifle, or I'll bore a hole through you in a minute." The officer instantly decided not to play any further with the raw recruit, and the rifle was promptly surrendered.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Colour Sergeant:—
No. 3077, Sergeant C. Johnstone, "D" Company, dated 21st May, 1904.

To be Sergeants:—
No. 2425 Lce. Sergt. A. McKinnes, "B" Coy., dated 21-5-04.
No. 7734 Lce. Sergt. A. Macdonald, "E" Coy., dated 21-5-04.
No. 7571 Lce. Sergt. J. W. Balfour, "A" Coy., dated 17-6-04.

To be Corporals:—
No. 6440 Lce. Corpl. E. McElroy, "E" Coy., dated 21-5-04.
No. 5170 Act. Corpl. W. Jamieson, "A" Coy., dated 26-5-04.
No. 5022 ,, J. McLachlan, "A" Coy., dated 25-5-04.

PAY OF RANK AND ESTABLISHMENT.

To be paid Lance Sergeants:—
No. 6098 Lce. Sergt. T. Young, "A" Coy., dated 21-5-04.
,, 5490 ,, S. Smith, "H" ,, ,, 21-5-04.
,, 6182 ,, A. Watt, "B" ,, ,, 26-5-04.

To be paid Lance Corporals:—
No. 4151 Lc. Cpl. G. Stratford, "E" ,, ,, 21-6-04.
,, 7969 ,, G. Stewart, "B" ,, ,, 24-5-04.
,, 7529 ,, A. Wilson, "H" ,, ,, 25-5-04.
,, 6070 ,, J. Seton, "G" ,, ,, 3-6-04.
,, 5716 ,, T. McGeechan, "F" ,, ,, 3-6-04.
,, 5154 ,, C. Lewington, "E" ,, ,, 3-6-04.
,, 5546 ,, J. McLachlan, "H" ,, ,, 14-6-04.

ANTEDATED PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

To rank of Corporal:—
No. 6440 Cpl. E. McElroy, "E" Coy., antedated to 3-4-09.
,, 5170 Cpl. W. Jamieson, "A" ,, ,, ,, 21-5-04.

To rank of Acting Sergeant with pay of Rank:—
No. 7571 Sergeant J. W. Balfour, "B" Coy., antedated to 3-4-04.

To appointment of paid Lance Sergeant:—
No. 6095 Lce. Sergt. T. Young, "A" Coy., antedated to 3-4-04.

To appointment of Acting Lance Sergeant with pay:—
No. 6182 Lce. Sgt. A. Watt, "B" Coy., antedated to 3-4-09.

To appointment of Paid Lance Corporals:—
No. 7698 L. C. W. McCorkell "D" Coy., ant'd'td to 3-4-04.
No. 4151 ,, G. Stratford, "E" ,, ,, to 2-5-04.
No. 7969 ,, G. Stewart, "B" ,, ,, to 21-0-5-4.
No. 7529 ,, A. Wilson, "H" ,, ,, to 24-2-04.
No. 9070 ,, J. Seton, "G" ,, ,, to 24-5-04.
No. 5164 ,, C. Lewington, "E" ,, ,, to 25-5-04.
No. 5546 ,, J. McLachlan, "H" ,, ,, to 26-5-04.

To appointment of Drummer:—
No. 5879 Dr. D. Clark, "D" Coy., antedated to 24-5-04.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Acting Colour Sergeant with Pay of Rank:—
No. 5864 Sergt. J. Brash. "C" Coy., dated 21st May, 1904.

To be Acting Sergeants with Pay of Rank:—
No. 7571 L. Sgt. J. W. Balfour "A" Coy. dated 21-5-04.
No. 5371 ,, J. Stewart "H" ,, ,, 21-5-04.
No. 7764 ,, E. Harvey "F" ,, ,, 17-5-04.

To be Acting Corporals with Pay of Rank:—
No. 5022 J. McLachlan, "A" Coy., dated 26-0-04.
No. 6391 W. Melville, "E" ,, ,, 26-5-04.

To be Acting Lance Corporals with Pay:—
No. 6070 Lc. Cpl. J. Seton, "G" Coy., dated 24-5-04.
,, 5164 ,, C. Lewington, "E" ,, ,, 26-5-04.
,, 5546 ,, J. McLachlan, "H" ,, ,, 3-5-05.
,, 7374 ,, W. McPherson, "H" ,, ,, 3-6-04.
,, 7977 ,, A. Blackley, "H" ,, ,, 14-5-04.

To be Senior Assistant Instructor of Signalling:—
No. 5291 Lance Segeant R. Tawse, "D" Company.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals:—
No. 5696 Pte. C. Harkness, "E" Coy., dated 5-6-04.
,, 6480 ,, J. Campbell, "C" ,, ,, 13-6-04.
,, 8094 ,, S. Scott, "C" ,, ,, 13-6-04.
,, 7448 ,, A. Miller, "D" ,, ,, 28-6-04.
,, 7089 ,, W. McFadden "G" ,, ,, 28-6-04.

To be Drummers:—
No. 6879 Pte. D. Clark, "G" Coy. dated 3-6-04.
,, 6952 ,, J. Shirley, "F" ,, ,, 7-5-04.

To be Piper:—
No. 6746 Private J. Wright, "E" Company, dated 26th May, 1904.

To be Acting Drummer:—
No. 9434 Private J. Allen, "D" Company, dated 4th June, 1904.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

TWO BADGES.

"A" Company.
No. 5577 Private P. T. Martin.

"B" Company.
No. 4723 Private T. Harrison.

"E" Company.
No. 6254 Private C. Maclean.

"F" Company.
No. 5827 Pte. J. B. Clarke. | No. 4876 Pte. W. Malcolm.

"G" Company.
No. 6598 Private D. Cochrane.

ONE BADGE.

"A" Company.
No. 7963 Private C. McLeod.

"B" Company.
No. 7200 Private D. Johnstone.

"C" Company.
No. 7169 Pte. A. McKinnon. | No. 6647 Pte J. Adam.
No. 7792 Private J. Campbell.

"D" Company.
No. 8355 Private J. Jack.

"E" Company.
No. 7986 Pte. H. Robinson | No. 4441 Pte. J. Diamond.
No. 6905 Private P. Russell.

"F" Company.
No. 6605 Pte. W. Kennedy. | No. 7826 Pte. J. Galloway.

"G" Company
No. 7730 Private T. Lawson.

"H" Company.
No. 4609 Pte. A Burke. | No. 7739 Pte. G. Sloane.
No. 6102 Private J. White,

CERTIFICATES.

Granted Certificates as Assistant Instructors of Signalling:—
No. 4293 Lance Sergt. G. Newell, "D" Company.
,, 5291 ,, R. Tawse, "D" ,,
,, 5117 Lance Corpl. S. MacVea, "C" ,,

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Granted Certificate for Regimental Master Tailor :—
No. 5031 Lance Corporal R. Mackay, "A" Company.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

To Complete Twelve years with the Colours:—
No. 6746 Piper J. Wright, "E" Company.
,, 6879 Drummer D. Clark, "G" ,,
,, 6134 Private T. Patterson, "H" ,,

NUMBER ALLOTTED.

No. 9434 has been allotted to Private James Allan, "D" Company.

COMPANY TRANSFERS.

No. 2425 Sergt. A. McKinnes "B" to "D" Company.
,, 7571 ,, J. W. Balfour "A" to "B" ,,
,, 2225 Cpl. A. Peggie "B" to "A" ,,
,, 5170 ,, W. Jamieson "A" to "B" ,,
,, 5022 ,, J. McLachlan, "A" to "H" ,,
,, 8952 Drummer J. Shirley "F" to "A" ,,

RESTORATION OF SERVICE.

In accordance with para. 1842 K. R. the service forfeited by :—
No. 5448 Private R. Watt, "B" Company.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Transfers from 2nd Gordon Highlanders:—
Pte. James Wilson and posted to "A" Coy. } from 1st
,, Robert Watson ,, ,, "D" ,, } June 1904.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Transferred to 29th Battery Royal Field Artillery :—
No. 5284, Pte. A. McIntyre, "B" Coy.,
from 1st July, 1904.
Discharged to Army Reserve in India :—
No. 5811, Pte. M. McGinley, "E" Coy., dated 1-6-04.
,, 5933, ,, W. McMillan, "G" ,, ,, ,,
EMBARKED FOR ENGLAND on H. T. "Malta" on the 14th June, 1904 :—
Transferred to Army Reserve :—
No. 5685, Lance Corporal F. Morrison, "A" Company.
Time-expired, twelve years :—
No. 3987 Private J. Currie, "C" Coy.
,, 4439 ,, J. M. Elder, "C" Coy.

CHANGE OF NAME.

No. 7675, Pte. J. Wilson, "B" Coy. has been permitted to change his name to, "James Miller."

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 6169, Private E. McDermid, "B" Company.
,, 8189, ,, P. Skiff, "E" ,,
,, 7082, ,, W. Allan, "F" ,,

FURLOUGHS.

No. 4654,	Pte.	C. Bennie,	"G" Coy.,	15-6-04 to 15-8-04
,, 6247,	,,	J. Stewart,	"G" ,,	10-6-04 to 9-8-04
,, 5279,	,,	T. Pollock,	"D" ,,	13-6-04 to 13-8-04
,, 6392,	,,	G. Rarity,	"H" ,,	17-6-04 to 16-6-04
,, 8069,	,,	J. Borgen,	"G" ,,	1-7-04 to 31-7-04
,, 6015,	,,	M. Harper,	"F" ,,	27-6-04 to 27-8-04
,, 6189,	,,	J. McGregor,	"G" ,,	1-7-04 to 31-7-04
,, 7419,	,,	W. Smith,	"B" ,,	1-7-04 to 31-7-04
,, 6083,	,,	W. Miller,	"H" ,,	1-7-04 to 31-7-04

He was a braw recruit frae the Hielands of bonnie Scotland, and his companions were two Caledonian soldier-chums who had already been initiated into the mysteries of the camp and its surroundings. They were showing him "the sights," and he gladdened their hearts by expressing a pleasant surprise, now and again, as some new invention (to him) came under notice. The climax of his amazement were reached when, on beholding the electric light for the first time, he exclaimed, "Weel, weel, lads, you mair than surprise me wi' all these bonnie things, but I canna' ken how they make the hairpin burn in thon wee bottle."

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the following papers:

"St. George's Gazette."
"The Dragon."
"Faugh-a-ballagh."
"The 79th News."
"China Dragon."
"The Oak Leaf."
"The Suffolk Gazette."
"The Sapper."
"The Queen's Own Gazette."
"The Indian Volunteer Record and Military News."
"The Die-Hards' Doings."
"The Tiger and the Rose."
"The Globe and Laurel."
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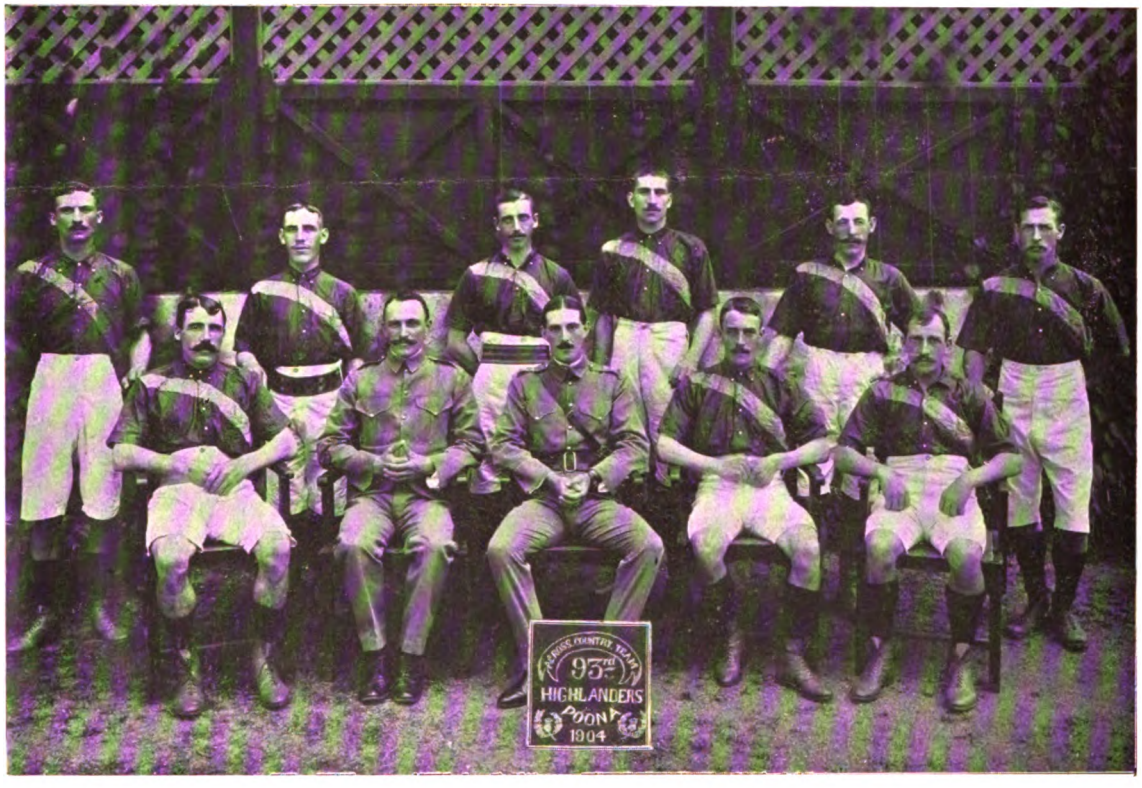

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Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson has received the following communication from Lieut.-Gen. Sir Frederick Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., who has been appointed to the Colonelcy of the Regiment, vice the late Sir John Ewart, G.C.B. :—

My Dear Sir,

"His Majesty the King having been graciously pleased to approve of my transfer as Colonel from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, vice my old friend and brother officer, the late General Sir John Ewart, G.C.B., deceased, to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, in the 2nd Battalion of which Regiment I served from 1848 to 1873 from Ensign to Lieutenant-Colonel, and was present with it throughout the Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny and the Umbeyla Campaign, and which Battalion I commanded for some ten years. Please express my happiness to all ranks at finding myself back amongst my old comrades in arms, and assure all ranks that it will be my endeavour in the future as in the past to do all I can for the best interests of the Regiment."

The appointment of Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., as our Colonel has been received with the liveliest satisfaction by all ranks of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and especially by his old battalion, the 93rd, in which he served, and which he commanded for so many years. It is now thirty-one years since Sir Frederick commanded this battalion, but we feel sure that even that long separation has not diminished his affection for his old regiment, and that the interests of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, of whichever battalion, will be safe in his hands. It is an honour indeed to have an officer of such distinction as our Colonel, and one who gallantly served with the Ninety-Third throughout the most momentous period of its existence. All ranks will join us in wishing our new Colonel long life to enjoy the distinction now conferred upon him by His Majesty the King.

We take the following account of Sir Frederick Traill-Burroughs' services from Burgoyne's Historical Records of the Ninety-Third Sutherland Highlanders, which were published in 1882.

Frederick William Traill-Burroughs entered the regiment as ensign, 31st of March, 1848; was present as a lieutenant at the Battles of Alma and Balaklava; became a captain by purchase, 10th of November, 1854; served in the expedition to Kertch and Yenikale, siege and fall of Sebastopol, and was present at the assaults of the 18th of June and 8th of September, 1855; captain during the Indian Mutiny, he was present at the relief of Lucknow by Sir Colin Campbell, during which, at the

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storming of the Secundrabagh, he was slightly wounded by a tulwar-cut on the head; at the battle of Cawnpore on the 6th of December, 1857; pursuit to Serai Ghat; action of Khodagunge; siege and capture of Lucknow, including storming of Begum's palace; was severely wounded at Lucknow. For his services in this Campaign he received the brevet of major, and was recommended for the Victoria Cross "for individual gallantry in the Secundrabagh, and being the first who entered one of the breaches, and engaged in personal combat with greatly superior numbers of the enemy, in which he was wounded by a sword-cut, on the 16th of November, 1857." Owing to the limitation to one amongst the officers as the recipient of this decoration, it was not granted. Major, 30th of October, 1862; served in the Eusofzai campaign, and commanded the Regiment whilst encamped in the Umbeyla Pass, for which he was mentioned in despatches; became lieutenant-colonel, 10th of August, 1864, and commanded the regiment for upwards of nine years, retiring on half-pay, 29th of October, 1873. He became colonel 10th of August, 1869; major-general, 16th March, 1880, and has been placed on the retired list under the recent regulations, with the rank of lieutenant-general. Lieutenant-General Traill-Burroughs of Rousay, Orkney, who is a Companion of the Bath, has the Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol; Turkish Medal, 5th class of the Medjidie; Indian Medal, with clasps for the relief and capture of Lucknow, and the frontier medal with clasp. He is Deputy-Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for the Orkneys.

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Lieutanant R. R. Forbes and Colour-Sergeants Lockie and Ritchie have returned from the School of Musketry, Deolali, the two latter resuming their appointments of Pay Sergeant of "E" and "G" Companies respectively, and Lieutenant Forbes the command and pay of "C" Company.

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Colour-Sergeants Lockie and Ritchie have honourably maintained the credit of the regiment by passing out respectively first and second on the roll of the warrant and non-commissioned officers at Deolali School of Musketry, and have been awarded "Distinguished" certificates.

With a bit of good luck Lieutenant Forbes would have got an officer's "Distinguished" certificate as he led the roll of those who were awarded the ordinary certificate.

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Congratulations to Sergeant Gurney on his promotion to Quarter-Master-Sergeant on the Punjab Unattached List. He is now employed as Instructor to the British Survey Class at the Thomason College, Roorkee.

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Colour-Sergeant Gilmour, we are pleased to hear, has been transferred for employment as 1st Class Instructor in the *Mounted* Company, upper Burma Volunteers. Good old Ninety-third Sergeants, it would be hard indeed to find a job of any kind that at least one of them could not fill.

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Owing to the abolition of Ghizree as a Sanitarium, Colour-Sergeant Durnan has returned to the battalion from officiating as Quartermaster-Sergeant at that place. This relieves a Sergeant-Major of the Bombay unattached list for duty at Mount Abu Sanitarium, so that Quarter-master-Sergeant Gunn, who is officiating as Sergeant-Major there at present, will probably rejoin the Battalion shortly.

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The annual inspection of the Battalion in Gymnasia took place on 9th July, Lieut.-Colonel Goodwyn, Devonshire Regiment, the newly appointed Inspector of Gymnasia, being the examining officer. "C" Company were inspected in physical drill with arms, and "D" Company in Free Gymnastics. "E" Company, who were completing the annual course, were also examined. Officers and Instructors were also examined, the former in swordsmanship and the latter as to their efficiency.

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The battalion furnished a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file under Major Mackenzie, M.V.O., on Monday, 25th instant, on the occasion of His Excellency the Governor, Lord Lamington, paying an official visit to His Highness the Sultan of Shohr and Mokalla, who is at present residing in Poona.

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Subscriptions have been requested for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Club at 26 and 28 Moreton Street, London. This is a Club and not a Home, for soldiers and sailors, and is open to the latter when visiting or staying in London. N. C. O's. and men desirous of subscribing are requested to give their names to the Colour-Sergeants of their companies.

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2nd Lieutenant Cuninghame and Sergeants McQueen and Ferrier have been detailed to attend the 2nd Class, School of Musketry, Deolali, which commences on 22nd August.

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Lance Corporal Mackinnon, "G" Company, has been awarded an acting schoolmaster's certificate.

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"E" and "G" Companies have commenced the annual course of Field Training and "H" Company are still at Musketry.

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The G.O.C. Poona has decided to offer a Challenge Football Cup to be competed for annually by all British Troops stationed in the Poona District. The competition, which will be under A.F.A. rules will be limited to Brigades of R.F.A. and half-battalions of infantry.

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In connection with the proposed issue of the Wolseley pattern helmet to British troops in India,

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the Government of India have been pleased to decide that all helmets due after the 1st April, 1904, shall be obtained through the army clothing factories. British units will, therefore, no longer be allowed to make their own arrangements for helmets, and will only be entitled to compensation in respect of helmets which became due on or before the 1st April, 1904.

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The recent bayonet encounters between the Russians and Japanese having demonstrated that the days of the bayonet, as an effective weapon in the hands of an experienced infantryman, are not yet over, the following announcement from the War Office will therefore occasion no surprise :—

"Attention has been called by the judges at the recent Royal Military Tournament to the fact that the standard of merit shown by individuals and teams in the bayonet fighting competitions is not nearly so high as it should be.

"It has also been specially pointed out that combatants frequently wait on guard several minutes without making any offensive movement whatever. Such a method of fighting is absolutely unsuited to the conditions under which the bayonet might have to be used on active service and should be discouraged. Men are therefore to be taught to fight quickly, making up their minds at once and attacking rapidly and energetically.

"It is proposed to alter the rules of bayonet-fighting competitions so as to prevent in future the slow method of fighting which is so much in evidence. In the mean time more attention is to be given to bayonet-fighting in the winter months or whenever opportunity occurs, so that officers, non-commissioned officers and men may reach a higher standard of efficiency."

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The marked decrease in the number of cases of assaults on natives by soldiers during the year has brought forward an announcement from Lord Kitchener cancelling the order of last year in which he deplored the number of such cases, and warned the troops in strong terms of his resolve to prevent them from occurring in the future. His lordship expressed the hope that all ranks would continue to live in harmony with the native population.

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We are indebted to Captain Neil Malcolm, D.S.O. for his account of the funeral of the late Captain H. P. Gordon. We had not heard the sad news until his letter arrived.

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It is proposed to publish the Diary kept by Private John Macdonald during the Boer War in pamphlet form The Diary has been pronounced by competent authorities to be very accurate, and we feel sure there must be many of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who served during the late War who would like to possess this record of their services, The probable cost will be from 4 to 6 annas, and company agents have been instructed to book orders from the men of their companies. We shall be glad to book orders also for our First Battalion, Depôt, Militia, or Volunteer battalions.

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Our photo this month is the Cross Country Team which won the Inter-Regimental Race between the Ninety-Third and the East Lancashire Regiment.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT he used tae sing duets at Madame "Chati's."

That he has got a new mouth-piece for his Gramaphone.

That he has only seen twa toons in this station.

That he lost the steeple o' his helmet.

That "Teen" Battery had Turkish pull-throughs for dinner.

That the butt memories are finished.

That a certain individual remembers when there were as mony R.C.s as Roman Catholics in the Regiment.

That he drew a throat across his razor.

That he landed off the shore before his draft.

That it wis a guid company till he come to join it.

That the twa "Left halfs" o' his Regiment were in the final,

That the best ship ever built on the Clyde was made in Belfast.

That the fastest train in Scotland runs frae Newry tae Belfast.

That he wis five feet three and five quarters in his stockings when he enlisted.

That the best team couldna play for caun'les.

That he walked for 48 hoors yae day without a bite.

That he went up bareheided wi' his helmet on.

That it is all "teek" up in Purandhar ; you only attend Church Parade once a month every Friday.

That he wis a "wappy" in the Gymnasium.

Daum it man, that's capital, the Governor o' a province canna tak the breeks aff a west Heilan' Rosshire man.

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The Russo-Japanese War.

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The great victory of General Oku at Kaiping on July 9th, and the subsequent retirement of the Russians northward with the loss of ten guns, was partly due to the co-operation of the whole of General Nodzu's force, which pressed forward on Oku's right towards the Liaoyang road.

After this fight there ensued a pause in the Japanese advance, only outpost affairs occurring. Meanwhile Field Marshal Oyama, reaching Dalny on the 15th, took over the command of the forces in Manchuria, and two more Japanese Divisions were landed at the same port to re-inforce General Nogi before Port Arthur, whilst a third Division landed in Kerr Bay, and proceeded to join General Nogi. To the great relief of artillery and transport, the rains ceased on the 16th, and the weather cleared until the 22nd, when they began again.

The preliminary reconnaissances took place on July 13th and 14th, and on the 17th General Count Keller delivered an ill-conceived and badly executed attack on the Japanese positions at and near the Motien Pass, with eighteen battalions. The Russians were driven back and pursued by the Japanese, who again attacked them on the 19th, forcing them back on Anping, fourteen miles S.E. of Liaoyang. General Kuropatkin explained that this attack was necessary owing to the inadequacy of his Intelligence Department. The Japanese casualties during these four days were 100 killed and 625 wounded, whilst the Russians lost about 3,000. The result of this fighting was that General Kuroki secured possession of all the passes East of Liao-yang giving access to the low country thereabouts.

General Oku on the 23rd moved forward some troops to threaten from the East the entrenched Russian position South of Ta-shih-chiao, and after fighting all day on the 24th by a skilfully executed night attack he defeated the Russians, consisting of five divisions and 100 guns, obliging them to retire through Ta-shih-chiao on Haichang next day. The Japanese had 1,071 casualties, the Russians 2,000. Yingkou, or the Port of Niuchuang, was occupied unopposed by the Japanese on the 25th, and thenceforth became an important base for landing stores and troops for armies advancing North.

Reconnoitring the Russian positions S.E. of Haicheng occupied July 28th and 29th, and on the 30th Nodzu began an attack from the south and south east on To-mu-cheng, fifteen miles South East of Haicheng, whilst General Kuroki forced the enemy to retire on Anping from their positions twenty-five miles East of Liao-yang. The Russians being outflanked at To-mu-cheng, retired on Haicheng, which they evacuated on August 2nd; their losses were over 1,000 men and six field guns, but this victory cost the Japanese about 400 men.

It became evident during the fighting at To-mu-cheng that there were Western Russian troops in the front line, for the Japanese found greater ability in the handling of the enemy, especially of his artillery, and encountered increasing difficulty in forcing the Russians to retire.

Fierce fighting went on around Port Arthur during July, but owing to the re-naming and re-numbering of the forts by the Russians, and the absence of a reliable map of the fortifications it is impossible to form a connected narrative of the operations, even if one could reconcile the extraordinarily conflicting statements of Japanese correspondents, Russian Generals, Foreign Attachés, refugees from Port Arthur, and local news inventors at Chifu, Tientsin, and Tokyo. However, it is certain that General Nogi has made some considerable headway in working round to the west of the place, and has captured some important posts and positions in the outer ring of defences, including Wolf Hill, South of the harbour, but for the most part he, like Brer Rabbit, keeps on saying nothing while what the Russians say is not to be believed. The Japanese are said to have brought 100 eight-inch guns from Japan to conduct the siege of the fortress.

According to the latest returns available the Russian Army in Manchuria has a strength *on paper* of about 400,000 men and 924 guns, but a well informed Russian newspaper in the 1st week of July reckoned that it only amounted to 250,000 men and 638 guns. Of these some 40,000 men with a number of guns are in Port Arthur and Vladivostok, whilst the casualties have been about 40,000 men and 114 guns.

A small party of 350 Cossacks with three guns is occupying Kyongcheng on the North East border of Korea, where the Russians are repairing the roads and building bridges over the Tumen River as if in preparation for the advance of a large force.

The naval operations before Port Arthur have been unimportant, and both fleets practically contented themselves with bombarding the positions on land whenever they got an opportunity. An old Japanese cruiser, the Kaimon, was sunk on July 5th by striking a Russian mine, and on the 10th four cruisers with two gunboats and seven destroyers came out, but being attacked by the Japanese torpedo boats returned to harbour. On the 24th another conflict took place in which three Russian destroyers were sunk or disabled. On July 16th the Russians torpedoed and sunk, without any just cause, the British Steamer Hipsang, bound from Niuchuang to Chifu, in Pigeon Bay, West of Port Arthur.

The Vladivostok squadron of three cruisers

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passed Eastwards through the Tsugaru Strait between the Japanese Islands on the 20th and proceeded to prey upon merchantmen making for Yokohama. After sinking a small Japanese steamer they captured the German steamer Arabia with 30,000 tons of flour on board, and the British steamer Calchas, both being taken into Vladivostok. On the 24th they seized and sank the British steamer Knight Commander, and commandeered another British steamer, the Tsinan to convey the crew to Vladivostok. The unjustifiable sinking of the Knight Commander aroused a storm in England, and the British Government were forced to lodge a strong protest against it in St. Petersburg on the 27th, but so far the Russians hold their action to be quite right. The squadron passed back through the Tsugaru Strait on the 29th and reached Vladivostok in safety on August 4th.

Considerable indignation has been aroused at home by the piratical actions in the Red Sea of the Petersburg and Smolensk, two vessels of the Russian Volunteer fleet, which had been secretly transformed in the Black Sea into cruisers, and in defiance of treaty obligations passed through the Dardanelles disguised as merchantmen. The Smolensk stopped the German mail boat Prinz Heinrich on the 15th and took fifty-six bags of mails destined for Japan from her; these bags, after having been overhauled on board the cruiser, were placed on the P. and O. mail boat which was stopped for the purpose. Also on the 15th the P. and O. steamer Malacca was seized by the Petersburg, because she had ammunition on board for Hong Kong, and sent back to Suez under a prize crew. The ammunition being the property of the British Government, caused energetic protests to be made to Russia on the 20th, whilst British warships were hurried to the scene of action. This resulted in the Russian Government sending orders to the cruisers to desist from their enterprise, but these orders did not reach them, as after capturing the German steamer Scandia, and the British steamers Ardova and Formosa, they vanished out of the Red Sea, no doubt having been warned that such orders were coming. The Malacca was released at Algiers on July 27th.

The gunboat Sivoutch, stationed at the Port of Niuchuang, was taken forty miles up the Liao River on the approach of the Japanese, and blown up by the Russians on July 18th.

We wish to correct two errors in previous numbers. On page 183 of No. 12, Vol IX., Admiral Togo's flying base was said to be the Blonde Island—this should be the Elliott Islands, twenty-five miles nearer to the Liaotung Peninsula. Also on page 38 of No. 3, Vol. X., the Japanese Domestic Loan was for ten and not one hundred millions.

The Subaltern of the Day.

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6-30 a.m. "What-at?"

"You're for orderly officer to-day, sir, Mr. 'Odson's gone sick. It was in last night's orders, sir."

By which my esteemed domestic is informing me at a very early hour in the morning that I am on duty to-day. I wish to goodness I had read orders last night. I hate early rising at the best of times, but particularly when I don't expect it. It's a ghastly nuisance. I was on duty only about three days ago. I've a d——d good mind to give up soldiering altogether and take to something else. However, it's no use moralising, it's got to be done, and I must get up and do it, though the tub looks very cold and uninviting at this hour of the night.

"Where's my sword? Oh! all right, I've got it. Order my breakfast at a quarter past eight." I do hate dressing in a hurry, and I'm nearly late for rations as it is.

"Where's the orderly man of D Company. Why the——can't you be here at the proper time? Now go away, and don't let me catch you being late again—" I'm in no mood for trifling this morning. There are few subjects I find less appetising than the inspection of raw meat in bulk at this time of day. Besides, what do I know about it? I'm not a connoisseur of meat. I've never been through a bread and meat course, and I literally don't know a horse from a cow in the butcher's shop. There is, of course, a card of instructions on the wall of the ration store, with plates of meat or rather illustrations of joints that I can never identify, and technical terms that I don't understand.

Now its time to go over the cook-houses and see the men's breakfasts issued, and thence to the barrack rooms to see them eaten. All present and no complaints. Thank goodness that's done, and now for my breakfast, my light dejeunay. Find the early contingent at breakfast, fresh from Adjutant's parade—very hungry and talkative, and they've taken all the papers in the mess. I hate talkative people at breakfast, and until I've had my food I feel thoroughly misanthropical. Somebody begins reading aloud extracts from a paper that I read last week. I hate people who read you extracts from newspaper, and tell him so.

However, a welcome interruption is caused by the entrance of the Commodore, which is the soubriquet in which the captain of X Company rejoices. The Commodore is one of those aggressively healthy looking men upon whom the exuberance of health has a perpetual hypochondriacal effect. His latest complaint is liver, and he proceeds to give a graphic but distressing account of his case, which stimulates the whole

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company to describe in detail their various ailments, a subject that bores me in the extreme. *I* really have a liver, and there is nothing less interesting to an invalid like myself than to hear other people describing their imaginary complaints, while nobody pays any attention to mine. Now, he was dining at the general's last night, and if anyone were to suggest *that* as the cause of the head like a lime kiln and the mouth like a deserted parrot cage, of which he complains, he would be excessively annoyed. No, it's "liver," and the poor old Commodore, who is making a hearty breakfast off buttered eggs and mushrooms, likes to pose as a martyr to it.

If there *is* one thing that's bad for the liver its having to run about immediately after a heavy meal, and that's what being on duty means, and what I've got to do. Now, it's to interview some bread and pass it as fit for the consumption of troops. No that sounds ungrammatical, it should be "consumption by the troops." I'm always shaky in my grammar, but I remember that particular expression occurring in a complaint book that was once kept in the mess. Someone wrote suggesting greater variety of dishes at lunch, and "that something better than plain tapioca pudding be provided for the daily consumption of officers." The mess president's reply was "Noted: a greater variety will be provided, but it is difficult to understand how a pudding that daily consumes officers can be described as plain."

But to resume. 10 *a.m.* Orderly room. There's some fun on here, for Mrs. Guppy is up again. Mrs. Guppy is the Jane Cakebread of the regiment, and on this occasion has been in dispute with the lady who occupies the next quarters, and has been indulging in some reflections upon her neighbour's morals, that fairly made the Sergeant-Major's hair curl when referred to by the C.O. to explain what some of the expressions meant. The scene was instructive and entertaining, but unfortunately unprintable. Finally Mrs. Guppy was rusticated or taken "off the strength" and had to be carried out in hysterics by the Sergeant-Major and the Adjutant.

11 *a.m.* Commanding Officer's parade. The same old story; about forty men on parade out of a total strength of eight hundred odd. Where are they all? Oh, they're all "employed." We talk a great deal about army reform, but, let the agitators propose some reform that would occasionally get a few men on parade and they might be doing some good.

12 *o'clock*, The sun is over the yard arm, or would be if there was ever any sun in this ghastly place, and its time to take my prescription. "Bring me a small Whisky and Soda, please." It's all right, it's my doctor's order. Well, it *was* twelve months ago that he ordered it, and I was laid up with fever at the time, but its never been cancelled and is still in force. I pay my company. 12-15 *p.m.* I visit the married quarters of my company, which we have to do once a week. The first lady greeted me with "You see I hav'nt taken off my fringe yet, but I've been so busy and I've got some friends coming to tea to-day so I thought I'd leave it till to-morrow." She had rather a good head of hair and I remarked that it would be a pity to take it off at all, and that she looked very nice as it was. She quite agreed with me and said it was a shame, but it was in orders last night. Good heavens, is this the first decree of the new war office administration, or what? I must read last night's orders. The next lady told me she had taken her fringe off, but she couldn't see any harm in it as it would never set the place on fire. I assured her of my sympathy and rushed off to find the order book, and read the following:—"In future curtains and mantel-borders are not to be put up on the fireplaces in the married quarters." I never knew they were called fringes before.

12-45 *p.m.* To the cook-houses to adjudicate upon the respective merits, from a culinary point of view, of eight company dinners. There is a monthly prize for the company *chef* who sends up the best dinners during the month, and the orderly officer has to decide which is the best every day, and enter it in a book kept for the purpose. How can one tell without tasting them all, and I don't feel equal to that; they all look equally good, so in case of doubt award the palm to my own company. Then to the barrack room again to see them eaten and enquire for any complaints. Then to the mess for lunch.

After lunch I try to write letters in my own quarters, but the early rising begins to tell upon me and I have to resign myself to a shuteye or siesta. Five times within the hour did I settle down to sleep and five times was I ruthlessly disturbed by an orderly corporal, by my colour-sergeant, a man with a bill, the Wild man of Borneo to borrow some chairs for a tea-fight in his quarters, and he adds insult to injury by asking if I am doing the boa constrictor after lunch, and finally a summons of "wanted at the orderly room immediately if not sooner." Verily there is no peace for the orderly officer. When I did get to the orderly room I found it was a mistake and I wasn't wanted at all.

3 to 5 *p.m.* Visit a distant and extremely uninteresting infant's school. What am I expected to know about infant's schools? Then the recreation rooms, workshops, library, hospital, cook-houses, and turn out the guard. Feel I have earned my 6s. 6d. already. Who shall say the British Subaltern does not earn his pay!

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The mess of course is empty; it always is of an afternoon. Everyone playing cricket to-day. At all events I shall have the papers to myself, and I hav'nt had time to look at them to-day. Good heavens! there's dismal Jemmy coming up the path. I can't stand this. Dismal Jemmy is a man who was in the regiment in prehistoric days, and who would bore an Exeter Hall meeting. He's got a story of a grievance about his purchase money that is worth going miles to avoid. Where can I hide? I gather up my papers and bolt into the mess room and make my way out on tiptoe through the kitchen. Its all right, he's left cards and gone. I was afraid he'd wait. It reminds me of an awful experience in India some years ago. We were sitting at table after lunch one day, about six of us, and we saw a man we all hated coming across the compound. There was no means of escape we could'nt get out without being seen, so in an evil moment we were persuaded to hide under the table. He came in, and Ramasawmy the mess waiter, who was a man of some intelligence, said that everybody was out. The man said he would wait, and came and sat down at the table. We had to come out from under the table. It was very awkward. I remember I tried to pass it off by rushing up to him saying, "It's you old chap, I'm so glad. Ramasawmy said it was a writter, so we all got under the table." He took it like a lamb, in fact, he used to tell the story himself afterwards of how he was mistaken for a writter. But he never was.

People are coming back from cricket and the ante-room is filling up. There's the mess bugle; time to dress, as I have to inspect the picquet at at a quarter to.

Rather a cheery party at dinner. Three or four fellows in from detachment, and the volunteer adjutant. He tells rather a good story that he swears happened to him at Bisley. He was in the butts, marking for one of the great competitions, and there was a tremendous crowd round the firing point 800 yards away. The butts are connected with the firing point by a telephone for transmitting messages connected with the scoring. They rang them up in the butts to say a telegram had come for him, and should they send it down? "No, open it, and tell me what it's about." The telegram was opened by the Sergeant on duty at the range, the crowd gathered round to hear what it was, and he shouted down the telephone in a voice that could be heard in the next parish. To "Captain ————No. 4 range, Bisley." "Do not come to night, *he* will be there.—Flo." Then the meeting broke up in confusion. After mess some make for the billiard room, while the grey haired and aged like myself play whist, and others read the papers or discuss the fates of the empire, or Empire, as the case may be.

10 o'clock. A treble and four and we're fighting for the odd trick when "Last Post" sounds and I have to go out. All reported present. Back to my rubber. Forget what cards have been played and lose the game and quarrel with my partner in consequence.

10.15 p.m. See lights out and everyone tucked into bed.

12 o'clock. We break up and I have to turn out the guard. It's raining cats and dogs, and the guard lives a mile away. Six shillings and sixpence a day? Rotton cotton gloves! I wonder how they can find people to do it for the money. Guard present and correct. Reminds me of a story I heard the other day that may be a chestnut though it was new to me. It's a dialogue between the Field-Officer on his rounds and the sentry.

Sentry. Halt! Who goes there?

F.O. Field-Officer of the day.

Sentry. Then what the blankety blank are you doing *at night?*

Visit the sentries. The man over the magazine has orders to allow no one to interfere with it. I ask him if he knows what the magazine is. "Yes, sir, it's this" holding out his magazine rifle, "they calls it the Lee Metford."

After that to bed. Thank heaven I shan't be on duty again for a fortnight as I'm off on leave to-morrow.—*Wellington Winsleydale in Ours.*

A good yarn comes from South Africa illustrating the philosophical good nature of the Highlander, and the gentle firmness of the nursing sister. Some of our readers will no doubt remember the Inverness Militia when they came to Aldershot, during the stay of the 91st in North Camp. Fearful men, bearded and gigantic, with not a single word of the English tongue in their vocabulary, but kind and gentle, with all the gentleness that strength gives. One of these out in South Africa had been in hospital with dysentery, and after a hard struggle had pulled through, and was duly discharged, fit, one fine morning. Next morning, however, he appeared again, and was seized upon by the nursing sisters. He explained volubly, in the Gaelic, what was the matter, but to no purpose, because the sisters were English. They sounded him, and punched him, which only drew forth more fervent explanations, and more gesticulation. This led to more careful examination, and so to more excitement. At last the nurses decided to put him to bed, at any rate, and get the doctor to see him. He seemed to object, but it was no use; to bed he had to go. After some hours the doctor arrived. He spoke the Gaelic, and said, "Hallo, my man, what's wrong with you? I discharged you only yesterday." "Well, sir," said the man, "its just this way, I came back for my pipe; but I could not make the lassies understand; so I thought it was the simplest way to give them their will, and wait for you."

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Sport.

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Cross Country Race.

East Lancs. v. Ninety-Third Highlanders.

In consequence of a challenge, the above race, between teams composed of nine men from each Regiment, took place on 9th July and resulted in an easy win for the Ninety-Third.

The course (about six and a half miles), was enough to test the staying powers of thoroughly trained men, and the fact that every one of our "tight little band of nine" reached the finishing point before the fifth man of the East Lancs. appeared speaks for itself.

Piper Wright, "E" Company, came in first by half a mile, and so apparently confident was he of the result, that he called at the Canteen on his way home and "quaffed" a pint with his usual imperturbability.

At the commencement, the running was pretty even, Piper Wright leading, with Privates Farrier and Marsden of the East Lancs doing their utmost to keep level with him Then the hard "going" began to have its effect, the East Lancs. team, with two exceptions, gradually tailing off, and on the Race Course Grand stand being reached, the leaders finished in grand style in the following order:—

1st Piper Wright, 93rd Highlanders.
2nd Private Farrier, East Lancs.
3rd „ Marsden, „
4th „ Gray, 33rd Highlanders.
5th „ Peacock, „
6th „ Lce. Cpl. Wilkins, East Lanc.
7th „ McArthur, 93rd Highlanders.
8th „ Cockburn, East Lancs.

A rather close finish appeared inevitable, but shortly afterwards the appearance of the Ninety-Third quintette put the matter beyond all doubt, the five being Pte. Fogg, Sergeant McCrae, Pte. Elton, Sergeant Stewart and Pte. Brown.

On the whole the contest was thoroughly representative, and excited a great deal of interest in the rival Regiments. The period of preliminary training however, was rather short—three weeks altogether. The splendid stamina shown by the contestants was the subject of many laudatory remarks.

The Lawyer.

A Scotch soldier at Bloemfontein was just recovering from an attack of enteric fever. One day he suggested to the doctor who called to see him that he would be grateful for a wee drappie.

"No, no" said the doctor. "Do you know that your stomach is in such an ulcerated condition that a spoonful of whiskey would kill you?" "A weel, sir," replied the patient, "I must just do without it; but, doctor just come close to me." The doctor obliged. "Ah, doctor," said the soldier, sighing contentedly, "yer breath's vera refreshing!"

Physical Drill Competition.

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The annual competition for the "Physical Drill Challenge Shield," presented in 1894 by Captain Moulton-Barrett when he was adjutant of the battalion, came off on the 23rd July, and resulted in a win for Major Mackenzie's Company—"G". "F" Company were pronounced second by the judges, but there was really little to choose between "G" and "F", and the verdict might just as easily have been reversed without partiality, favour, or affection for either. Colour Sergeant Ritchie and Sergeant Phimister are to be congratulated upon the high degree of perfection to which their teams were trained. We have seen nearly all the competitions for Captain Moulton-Barrett's Shield, and can safely say that never before has the average of perfection been so high amongst the teams as it was this year. Every Company entered a team. A special feature in this year's competition was the absence of music. The winning Company "G" owing to its success in the Battalion Competition has been selected by the Commanding Officer to represent the battalion in the Physical Drill Competition at the Bombay Presidential Assault at Arms, to be held at Poona during September, and we venture to predict that it will take an extra special team to beat it.

Following is a list of previous winners:—

1894	at Mian Mir...	... "F"	Company.
1895	„ „ ...	... "F"	„
1896	„ Nowshera ..	... "H"	„
1897	„ „ ..	... "D"	„
1898	No Competition.		
1899	at Bareilly ...	... "C"	„
1900	„ Ranikhet ...	... "C"	„
1901	„ „ ...	... "G"	„
1902	No Competition.		
1903	„		
1904	at Poona ...	... "G"	„

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A New Rifle.

A device for suppressing sound and smoke has been provided for the ordinary rifle by a French soldier. It consists essentially of a steel tube about 30 inches long, with several partitions, having orifices slightly larger than the bore of the gun, and this tube is attached in front of the muzzle by a bayonet-clasp whenever its use is desired. On firing the gun the gases are retarded by each partition in turn, finally escaping without sound or smoke. With a knife at the end the auxiliary tube can be made to serve as a bayonet.

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In Barracks.

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Password for the Month—"Dae ye think I'm Joe?"

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The musketry season is on and at least one brave man has been seen and heard of. The hero in question did not see any danger in crossing the butts while the company were firing sighting shots, as he "thocht they didna coont." Such unsophisticated ignorance is bliss indeed in these uneventful times. Many a reputation for coolness and calmness in the hour of danger has been made through equally unadulterated ignorance.

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One of the companies which was exercised lately has a bit of a wag in its ranks. His scores, alas! have failed to qualify him for 1st Class Service Pay, despite the watchful care of his section commander. The two coloured flag was often floating merrily above the mantlet, and at last the sore tried section commander's patience was exhausted, and he roared out: "Where the deuce do you think your shots are going to?" "I don't know" was the wag's reply, "but this package I'm firing off is labelled Dum-Dum."

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The following lines were scribbled on the back of a cartridge paper found on the range, near the 800 yards firing point, the other day,

The flag was still a flying, and the shots they were so queer;
And the markers they were dreaming that the dinner beer was near;
The Captain he was swearing that the shots were going right.
But the man himself was trying hard to give the crows a fright.
The Sergeant he kept saying that 'twas only wasting lead,
And the man himself was sighing and saying he was "fed,"
For his boosing chums were calling out to carry off ten feet,
If he didna' want tae bogey and Repeat, Repeat, Repeat."

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It is really startling the amount of curious information one does pick up at times, Asked by the Sergeant of the Guard to explain what an unusual occurrence meant, one smart youth the other day, replied that if he "saw the sentry box at the magazine marking time," that would be an unusual occurrence. Verily it would, and I would be much obliged to that bright youth if he would acquaint me when the phenomenon is likely to take place.

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Talking about phenomena and those sort of unexplainable things, I should like to know very much what the mystical letters P.O. stand for. Go where you will, to the canteen, to the library, to the coffee shop, to the guard-room, to the far away butts, or even to the little pigeon loft in which "E" Company's pet monkey is kept, and you will find the mystical letters staring you in the face. I had the curiosity to ask one man what the letters meant, but he was a thoroughgoing Scotchman, and replied: "Ask Snappy." Now, as I don't know "Snappy," perhaps someone will dispel the deep sea of ignorance which surrounds me?

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The following "rumours" are published for information but not for guidance:—

Monday:—The C.O. will be "At Home" to Saturday's drunks at 9-30 a.m.

Tuesday:—The Army is to be reformed.

Wednesday:—The Army is to be abolished.

Thursday:—The Army will neither be abolished not reformed.

Friday—Manœuvre parade at 6-15 a.m. as usual.

Saturday:—All T. X. men will be sent home as 1st Class Passengers by P. and O.

Sunday:—Collection in aid of unpaid Lance Corporals.

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The following lines, by some inspired idiot evidently, were found somewhere about barracks the other day. The M.S.S. is dated Bareilly, January, 1901, and a friend brought it round and asked me if I was responsible for the perpetration—the idea! It is supposed to be in the heroic strain, I am told:—

A BRILLIANT SPASM.

To work! such is the task I to me take—
To work, when mighty issues are at stake;
Not work, on which depends my daily bread,
And clogs ambition with a fateful dread
Of parading, to an unsympathetic world
Grim, *grinding* poverty, unfurled.
To work! 'tis not the work to me of menial slave,
To work! ambitious high-souled vision of the brave:
Not work, that filthy lucre I might make
To lavish on my noble person, like a rake,
Revealing man's infirmities an awful chasm
O'er which has crossed—"a sparkling, brilliant spasm."

I have more respect for the readers of the *Thin Red Line* than ask them to risk their sanity in trying to unravel the meaning of a "sparkling, brilliant spasm." The intimation therefore, that no first prize for a missing link competition is intended, is perhaps unnecessary.

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Some time ago a servant girl who had rather a goody-goody mistress went to a Salvation Army meeting in Edinburgh. On her return her mistress asked her what sort of a service they had. "It was an awfu' cheery meetin'," she replied. "We sang 'I will not go to hell with you,' to the tune of 'Bonnie Prince Charlie.'"

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Death of Captain H. P. Gordon.

WEST AFRICAN FRONTIER FORCE.

Capt. Hugh Pennicuick Gordon, late of the 93rd Highlanders and West African Frontier Force, died on Friday, July 16th, in St. Thomas' Home, London, of abscess of the liver contracted in West Africa, after an illness of about six weeks.

He was buried in Woking Cemetery on Thursday, July 19th. The funeral was attended by Messrs. J. and R. Buchanan, half brothers of the deceased officer, and also by Col. J. H. Campbell, Colonel Montanaro, Major Henry Gordon, Major McKerrell, Major Julian Hasler, Major Stewart MacDougall of Lunga, Captain N. Malcolm, D.S.O., and others. Wreaths were sent by Mrs. Henry Gordon, Mrs. Fetherstonhaugh, Mrs. Sewell, the officers of the West African Frontier Force, Major Patten, Captain Tweedie, Major Hasler, and Capt. Malcolm.

The late Rev. George Mure Smith.

Many sympathising friends in the Regiment and out of it will learn with deep regret of the passing away of the Rev. George Mure Smith, of the West Church, Stirling and Chaplain of the Depot. He took a deep interest in all that pertained to his work as a military chaplain, and there are very few of the many thousands of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who passed through the Depot since he took over the duties of that office, who did not know his kindly and familiar figure. The Rev. George Mure Smith was born and reared in Kilmarnock, and was for some time a missionary of the Church of Scotland in Canada before he went to Stirling in 1877. He was ordained assistant and successor to the Rev. Wm. Findlay in that year, and has laboured with great earnestness and success in Stirling for twenty-seven years. He was respected by all who knew him, and certainly by none more than the officers and men of the 91st and 93rd who came under his ministry. All ranks will join with us in expressing the deepest sympathy to his sorrowing widow and child.

The funeral, which took place on the Thursday following his decease was attended by a large number of the Stirling Depot. Two pipers played laments, and a carrying party of Sergeants under Colour-Sergeant Newport was present.

Home and Depot Notes.

Private Albert Maclellan, 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, took third place in the 250 yards race for privates with over fifteen years service, at the Army Athletic sports held at Aldershot on 3rd and 4th August.

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Arrangements are being made in Falkirk for the erection of a monument in memory of the soldiers (including volunteers) belonging to that district who fell in the late South African War. Prizes were offered for a suitable design, and Mr. John Campbell, a pupil teacher in the Science and Art School has been awarded the first prize. The design shows an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander in field service order standing with charged bayonet over the body of a wounded comrade. It is undoubtedly an excellent and appropriate production, and shows marked artistic ability.

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The annual cricket fixture between Stirling Depôt and Dunmore came off at Dunmore this year, and ended in a win for the home team by the narrow margin of one run. The match was well contested, and on account of the closeness of play proved very exciting.

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The Royal Caledonian Ball, arranged by the Marquis of Tullibardine in aid of the Scottish Corporation and Caledonian Asylum, came off in the Hotel Cecil lately, and was a splendid success. The spectacle was a very brilliant one, with most of the gentlemen in Highland dress or uniform, and many of the ladies wearing the tartan sashes of their clan slung across ball dresses flashing with jewels. Herr Iff's well known orchestra and "Pipe-Major" Angus Macrae of the Athol Highlanders were in attendance.

About 800 ladies and gentlemen were present, and dancing began at 10-30 with the eightsome reels arranged by the Countess Strathallan, which were gone through in surprising style. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were represented at the Ball.

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Mr. J. J. Miller the well known athlete, was formerly a member of the 7th Vol. Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and as such held the athletic championship of the Battalion for three years, when he left the corps. The great Alloa athlete first competed in wrestling at a competition got up by the Adjutant of his battalion and open to the Tay Brigade, Black Watch, Inniskilling Dragoons and several other corps. There were about twenty contestants and needless to say, Miller won. Miller stands 6 feet 1 inch in height, measures 44 inches round the

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chest, 33 round the waist, wears a 17½ collar, and weighs 13 stone 7lbs. stripped. No one who has known him as an athlete, or met him as an opponent, will give him the character of being other than a genuine and determined rival, and one who goes to win on all occasions.

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The Duke of Roxburghe, who celebrated his twenty-eighth birthday on 25th July, was born in 1876. Educated at Eton, he succeeded his father as the eighth holder of the title in 1892. Joining the 4th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, he saw active service in the recent South African campaign in the ranks of the Household Cavalry Composite regiment.

The New Lee-Enfield Rifle.

The recoils of the new and old rifles have been measured by the Gunmakers' Association, London, as 13·4 foot lbs. and 11·9 foot lbs. respectively. (That of a shot gun weighing 7 lbs. is about 24lbs.)

As regards strength, every rifle with its action has to stand a proof charge giving a pressure of between 20 and 21⅓ tons per square inch; the maximum pressure which the ammunition is allowed to give at proof is 77 tons. The rifle has besides been found to stand repeated pressures of 22 tons, and the body and bolt have not been damaged by repeated pressures of 29 tons.

The action of the new rifle has passed successfully through severe dust and rust trials, and its general serviceability is perhaps best attested by the fact that, besides its trials in Somaliland, it is practically the same as that of the Service rifle which was introduced in 1888, and which, besides minor operations, has passed successfully through the Indian North-West Frontier operations of 1895 and 1897, the Atbara-Omdurman campaign of 1898, and the South African War.

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An Irish soldier the other day was wheeling a wheelbarrow across the barrack square. The wheel required oiling, and was screeching horribly. Pat's chum came along and told him to try and get some grease to stop the row. "Go on," said Pat, "shure you can't have a ear for music, 'tis a beautiful barrow-tone."

An Exhibition Hammer Throw.

A correspondent at Purandhar sends us the following account of a wonderful hammer throw, the accuracy of which he vouches for:—

At some sports held at the above mentioned place recently, one man threw the hammer 110 feet, and the judges were about to declare this as the winning throw when a quiet individual, of no particularly muscular appearance, appeared upon the scene and asked for a chance to display his ability, at the same time assuring the bystanders that he had no doubt as to his ability to put "whiskers" on the 110 feet throw Accordingly he took up the hammer and made two unsuccessful attempts to out-throw his opponent. At the third and last throw the judge cautioned him that it was his last chance The quiet individual replied, "That's all right," then stalked off to the edge of the khud, swung the hammer twice round his head and let it go *into space*, at the same time calling out to the judge, "How's that?" Down the khud went the judge to fetch back the hammer, and returning two and a half hours afterwards, sang out in a breathless tone, "*three thousand five hundred and sixty seven feet, one and seven-eight inches.*"

JIORGE WASHINSON.

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Sir Colin Campbell and his Highlanders.

The following appears in the "*Pall Mall Gazette*": Sir, In your review of Lord Wolseley's life you say, Sir Colin wished to reserve this crowning feat for his beloved Gordon Highlanders. I have not the book, but if Lord Wolseley says this, he makes a singular error. In the first place, the Gordon Highlanders were not in India when Sir Colin relieved Lucknow. In the next place, no one ever heard that the Gordon Highlanders were "beloved" of him. The 93rd Sutherland Highlanders took part in this relief and Sir Colin was afterwards made their Colonel. As far as I remember the Gordon Highlanders were sent out to India when the Indian Mutiny campaign was well-nigh over, and allowed to cross from Alexandria to Suez, riding on jackasses, with their rifles in boxes. Lord Wolseley may be mixing up this affair at the Moti Mahal with what occurred at the passage of the Kala Nuddee. I was with the Black Watch at the time, and we were extended along the banks of the river waiting till the bridge was repaired for us, the Highlanders, to cross. The 53rd heard of this, and as soon as the bridge was sufficiently repaired they streamed over, and drove the enemy before them. The cavalry was sent in pursuit, and it is said, for almost the only time during the campaign the rebel regiment formed squares to resist the cavalry. It was a a fine sight to see the magnificent 6th Lancers ride by with their lances dyed red. Sir Colin was furious, and as he rode back we were all lining the camping ground. He tried to address the 53rd, but they cheered him so lustily he could not make himself heard, but shook his fist at them instead, saying—"You're a fine regiment, but a damned mutinous one."—Yours, etc.,—"A Grift with the Forty-Twa."

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1st Soldier. "What dae ye want for supper?"
2nd ,, "Oh, I'll have an egg flip."
3rd ,, "Ca canny, I've only an anna!"

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3rd Batt. A. & S. Highlanders.

Annual Training Notes.

During the last month the Stirlingshire Militia, 3rd Battalion A. and S. Highlanders, has been encamped in a field a short distance from Jamestown, and quite close to the railway station, under the command of Colonel Alfred H. Middleton, Bardowie. The other officers were Major J. Scott-Plummer, Major Rouse, Major Williams, Capt. Fyfe Jameson, Captain Fenton Livingstone, Lieuts Ure, Black, Brodie, Brooman-White, Stewart, and Brettell, and Captain and Adjutant Moulton—Barrett, and Quarter Master Beattie. The regiment is about 500 strong, and although the work has been hard, and the weather only fair, the training has been enjoyed by all. The camp was situated on a sloping eminence overlooking Jamestown village, with Loch Lomond in the distance. This being the first training the battalion has had since the South African war, the recruits underwent a course of Musketry exercise, and the trained men the new infantry drill. Semaphore signalling was a feature in the camp instruction. In this, Sergeant Reid has given lessons to the officers, and the colour-sergeants gave instructions to the men.

The manœuvring ground was Mercan Moor, between three and four miles from the encampment, and there the regiment was exercised in the usual field tactics, while shooting was engaged in at Auchencarroch Range. In addition to this there were two route marches through the district, which had the effect not only of popularising the regiment, but of bringing over a dozen recruits. Curiously enough, although Dumbartonshire is the regimental district, this was the first occasion on which the battalion has done its training in it, and the visit of the Militia was highly appreciated by all classes of the community. On Tuesday of this week there was a route march to Dumbarton, where the arrival of the battalion created great interest, and the officers were entertained to lunch by the Provost and Municipality, the members of which expressed the hope that the battalion would be seen back again. General Tucker, who inspected the men in the course of the training, was very much struck by their excellent physique, and complimented Colonel Middleton on the high state of efficiency in which he found the regiment. It may also be stated that for the first time the battalion had been equipped with a machine gun, and this fired two courses under Lieutenant Ure. On the day of the General's inspection, an interesting sham fight took place. Captain Fenton Livingstone commanded the defensive position, and Major Scott-Plummer led the attacking force. General Tucker was the umpire, and he expressed himself as highly pleased with the manner in which the manœuvres had been carried out. Seeing so much hard work had to be gone through, there was little time for amusement, but occasionally there was an hour two off, and on one of these the officers of the regiment had a match with the Jamestown Golf Club. The military came out of this contest with flying colours, and in return they presented a handsome medal to the members of the club for competition. The general arrangements for the camp, both in the selection of the site and other matters, were in the capable hands of Quarter-Master Beattie, and needless to say these were about as perfect as well as could be. Everything was done for the comfort of the men who, instead of "messing" in their tents, as in former years, dined altogether in a large marquee. There were also, besides the usual canteen, a coffee tent and library, where papers and the requisites for various games, dominoes, cards, draughts, etc., were provided; while, over and above, excellent notepaper and envelopes, stamped with the address of the camp, were supplied free of charge. The regiment was on the best of terms with the inhabitants in the district, and every evening there was a large influx into the camp of people from Jamestown, etc., a special compliment being paid on Tuesday night, when the town band visited the encampment, and played selections of music. As in former years, the Officers' Mess was in personal charge of Mr. Archibald Stevenson of the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling; Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry Paton looked after the coffee bar and library; Mr. Tom Ryan, ex-Quarter-Master-Sergeant of the regiment, controlled the canteen; while the management of the cookhouse was under Sergeant Parish.

THE SPORTS.

Preliminary to the breaking up of the camp on Saturday, the regimental sports took place on Thursday afternoon, and were witnessed by a large company of invited guests as well as of the public from the surrounding neighbourhood. Owing, however, to the difficulty of getting suitable return trains the company was not so large as when the battalion trained at Stirling.

Among those invited to lunch and tea, as also to witness the sports, were the following:—

The Duke and Duchess of Montrose and party; Sir Archibald and Lady Orr Ewing, Ballikinrain; Sir A. and Lady Leith Buchanan; Colonel J. H. Campbell of Inverardoch, Doune; Mr. and Mrs J. Fyfe-Jameson, Old Ballikinrain; Officers, 91st Regimental District, Stirling; Mrs. Alfred Middleton and party, Bardowie; Mrs. Moulton—Barrett, Stirling; Mrs. H. McD. Williams, Glenlee, Bridge of Allan; Major and Mrs. Denholm, Stirling, Mrs. Beattie, Stirling, Captain Gunn, 1st D.R. Vols., and others.

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Volunteer Battalion Notes.

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One of the largest gatherings of volunteers located in the North of Scotland since 1902 is now in camp at Barry and Budden Links. Encampments extend from Budden to the eastern limit of the Government Links at Barry in practically an unbroken line, the distance being over two miles. Within the tents are accommodated eight infantry volunteer battalions, six volunteer artillery corps, and two infantry militia battalions, having an aggregate strength of about 8000 men.

ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND BRIGADE.

The large encampment of the Argyll and Sutherland Brigade, which went into camp on Friday evening, 15th July, is situated on the Budden Road. There are four battalions in the Brigade, these and their commanders being:—2nd Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel J. Paton, V.D., 634 strong; 3rd Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel J. M. Campbell, 547 strong; 4th Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel R. Morton, 239 strong; 7th Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel R. Haig, 436 strong; Argyll and Sutherland Bearer Company, Captain Boyd, 38 of all ranks. The Brigadier is Colonel J. M. Hunt, commanding the 91st Regimental District. A start was made with the work of Brigade on Saturday, when instruction in fire discipline was provided.

The camp of the Argyll and Sutherland Brigade was inspected yesterday, the General making a close scrutiny of the various lines. During the morning and forenoon the Argyll and Sutherland Battalions were occupied in trenching, and while operations were in progress an unfortunate accident occurred. A party of men were engaging in some by-play, when one—a private of the 2nd Battalion—was struck on the head by a pick. The point of the instrument caused a bad wound in the right temple, and the man was rendered unconscious. First aid was given, and the man was removed to the military hospital at Barry on a stretcher. In hospital he recovered considerably. An interesting function took place at the church parade of the Argyll and Sutherland Brigade on Sunday. At the close of the service Colonel J. M. Hunt,

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the brigadier, presented four South African medals to three members of the Argyll and Sutherland Bearer Company, R.A.M.C. (Captain Boyd commanding). The names of the recipients are Sergeant Ross (King's and Queen's medals), Corporal D. Duncan and Private D. Hair. Throughout the day the weather was magnificent, and all ranks enjoy excellent health.

The Brigade sports were brought off on Thursday afternoon. Splendid entries were received for each competition, and some really excellent physical prowess was displayed. The tug-of-war was a most determined affair, and it was only after exciting tussles that the prize was carried off. Three aspirants only for cycling honours! No doubt the roughness of the track deterred many from entering. In the mile race, Hughes, of the 3rd, came in an easy first. Indeed, his sprinting was worthy of a professional, and he had a splendid reception on breaking the tape. Lieut. Gilmour won an exciting race open to officers only, while in the competition for throwing the hammer, Sergeant-Instructor Wilson, of the 3rd, with the magnificent toss of 67·5 feet, carried off the honours. A large number of holiday-makers visited the field of play during the afternoon, and the bands of the various companies discoursed selections of music, greatly to the enjoyment of the onlookers.

The Argyll and Sutherland Brigade Camp at Barry broke up on Friday, when scenes of the greatest excitement and animation were witnessed. Instructed in striking camp during the morning, the men shortly after ten o'clock were formed up in battalions and marched to the station. Naturally some difficulty was experienced in entraining so great a body of men, but the work was swiftly and expeditiously accomplished, although over an hour was spent in trying to "truck" a horse. Ultimately the animal had to be hauled into the vehicle by means of ropes. Five special trains were required for the conveyance of the men to the West.

1st Volunteer Battalion.

Major MacIsaac, V.D., I (Bute) Company, 1st Volunteer Battalion, who has been gazetted on the retired list with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, has had a long and honourable career in the service. He joined the Bute Artillery 42½ years ago, which he left five years afterwards to join the 1st V.B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

2nd Volunteer Battalion.

The fourth of the series of battalion skirmishing competitions in connection with the 2nd V.B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders is now due to take place at the regimental range at Bardrain, Gleniffer Braes. The prizes competed for consist of a handsome silver challenge cup, the gift of the late Captain Spiers of Elderslie House, with a sum of £20 from the battalion prize fund. The cup is held for the year by the captain of the company team making the best shooting, whilst the team get the first prize of £3 for division. The conditions governing the competition are teams of 16 men (in uniform) from each of the nine companies in Paisley, Renfrew, Johnstone and Elderslie. The teams commence shooting in extended order at the 600 yards and fire "in" at moving targets, which appear at intervals for 15 seconds, then disappear from 20 to 40 seconds. Each time the targets appear one round is fired from the kneeling or standing position. This is continued till the eight rounds are expended. The targets contain an invisible bull's-eye nine inches in diameter, over which is painted the representation of a man in khaki, and hits on the bull count three and on the rest of the man two, whilst hits on the other portions of the target are regarded as misses. Last year under the old conditions, the Spiers Cup and £3 prize were won by G Company (Renfrew, Captain S. S. Anderson), (Paisley) and F Company (Elderslie), A Company (Paisley), and C Company (Johnstone) tieing for fourth prize.

4th Volunteer Battalion.

The main body of the half-battalion of the 4th V.B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, numbering 464 has arrived at Stobs military camp for a week's training. They comprise detachments from the companies at Lennoxtown, Carron, Carronshore, Denny, and Falkirk. The battalion, which is attached to the 1st Battalion Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), is under command of Major Wilson, Falkirk. The remainder of the battalion go into camp at Barry on the 15th July.

The Officers at Stobs are—Major Wilson, Captain and Adjutant C. A. H. Maclean, Captain and Quartermaster Denholm, Surgeon-Major A. D. Fraser, Sergt.-Major L. G. Waters, and Surgeon-Lieut. J. S. Ronald. C Company (Falkirk) is commanded by Captain and Hon. Major F. D. Ferguson, D Company (Falkirk) by Major Wilson, Captain Burns, and Lieutenant Wade; F Company (Falkirk) by Captain Black and Lieutenant Hunter; H Company (Stenhouse muir) by Lieutenant Jones and I Company (Carron) by Captain R. L. Orr.

Private A. Inglis of I Company (Carron), 4th Volunteer Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, died from pneumonia in Hawick Cottage Hospital on Wednesday last. Deceased was one of the advance party who went into camp at Stobs three weeks ago. He then got a severe wetting, and contracted pneumonia, and on Monday fortnight he was removed to Hawick Cottage Hospital where he died as stated. Inglis was of a fighting family, and had served twelve years with the colours of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. One of these brothers is a colour-sergeant, and received a medal for distinguished service in South Africa. The funeral took place with military honours in Larbert New Cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

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Another Fishing Yarn.

Capital fishing sport is always to be had in the upper reaches of the river Tay, and some time back two well-known M.P.'s, who were staying with a Perthshire laird, donned the waterproof breeches and secured the necessary implements for a day's fishing.

Each was accompanied by a gillie, and, like the caddie on the golf-green, each gillie was anxious for his temporary master's success.

For the first hour the fishers kept closely together, but gradually the distance between them widened, until they lost sight of each other. Distance, however, did not deter the gillie of the M.P. furthest up the river from coming within shouting distance, and announcing several large catches, much to the chagrin of the two men on the lower reach, who were meeting with but scant success.

"Donald," at length exclaimed the luckless fisher impatiently; "How is it they are catching so many fish up yonder, while we are doing next to nothing here?"

"I suppose, sir," answered Donald, in a very sarcastic tone of voice, "they're bigger lears than we are!"

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Origin of the Various Ranks in the British Army.

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The origin of the rank of "Colonel" is obscure, but it is believed to have been derived from the French word *colonne* or column, because the colonel was supposed to march at the head of the column formed by his regiment. Ward, in his "Animadversions of Warre," A.D. 1639, says: "The office of a colonell is very honourable, and a place of great consequence in the army, wherefore he ought to bee a grave experienced souldier, religious, wise, temperate and valiant: he hath under his speciell command two speciell officers, his Lieut.-Colonell and his Sergeant-Major, his office is, in time of warre, to see his regiment complete and to form his division into order of battell. He ought to be very expert in raising of fortifications, and in all kinds of stratagems in as able a manner as the generall. He is to cause so many of the regiment as are to releeve the watch morning and evening to be drawne in parado before the head of the quarters, where divine duties are to bee performed by the preacher amongst them. Every sabbath day he is to have a sermon in his tent forenoone and afternoone, and every officer in the regiment is to compell his souldiers to repair thither."

"A Lieutenant-Colonel of a regiment is a place of high consequence and great dignitie, being the second person in the regiment. There is much toyle and pains belonging to his office, in regard he frees the colonell's execution of his duties; he is to sit in the marshall's court in the absence of his colonell; he is to see the sergeant-major order the regiment for the march, and he is to assist him in drawing up the divisions into battaglia, and should be a patterne to all the officers to steere their courses by."

The rank of major appears to have originally been denominated "sergeant-major," though from the description of the duties, as given by Ward, they seem more to correspond with those of the present Adjutant.

"A Sergeant-major," he remarks, "is the third principall officer of the field; he ought to participate of all the perfections that the higher officers have; he is to be learned in all the liberal sciences and ought to have a speculative as well as a practickel knowledge of his profession; he is not only to be a good scholar and witty, but he must be quick in apprehension and foresight, with an able memory; he must have a paper book with pen and inke, to set doun all orders and commands, that he may not erre or vary one tittle for what was delivered unto him in charge &c."

"The office of captaine ought not lightly to be considered of as he is exposed to all manner of danger in the warres: he must lead on his men in the face of an enemy, and charge them in the teeth: he is to have two great bougets made of dry neats leather which will hold a hundred-weight of powder a piece, to furnish his musketeers withal; he is also to see the bandyliers filled with powder, with sufficient match and bullets; and should always carry himself in such a way that his soldiers may both feare and love him: too much familiarity breeds contempt, and too sterne a carriage begets hatred."

The title of "ensign" was applied to the officer entrusted with the duty of carrying the ensign or colour, of which there was formerly one to each company.

The adjutant or aide major appeared as a rank about 1666, and seems to have been copied from the French military system.

Each company used to have a quarter-master under the name of herbinger or harbinger.

The term sergeant is derived from the Latin word *servientes*. These were tenants of knights, and held their land on condition of rendering military service.

The title of corporal is of Italian origin, as he was formerly denominated *capo d' escadra*, or chief of his squad or squadron in the troops of that country. "A corporal," says Sir James Turner in his work entitled "Pallas Armata," "ought to be an experienced, vigilant, and laborious soldier: none in his squadron may disobey him: if any do, the corporal may beat him with his sword, and commit him to prison.

The term "lance-corporal" was originally lance pesada or anspesada, signifying a spent or broken lance, the individual being a man-at-arms or trooper, who, having broken his lance on the enemy and lost his horse in battle, was entertained as a volunteer assistant to the captain of foot, till he could remount himself. In the course of time, however, men who were thus circumstanced, instead of being the companions of the captain decended to be assistants to the corporal, with the pay of a private soldier only.

A manuscript written by Ralph Smith in the latter part of the 17th century, states that "All captaines must have drommes and ffifes and men to use the same, who should be faithful, secrette, and engenous, of able performance, to use their instruments and office, and of sundrie languages, for often they bee sent to parley and to summon the enemy's fforts or townes, or divers other messages, which of necessitie requireth language."

The origin of the word "private," when applied to a soldier in the ranks, may be traced to the much earlier use of the same word as applied to civilians, "a private man or citizen"—that is, one not invested with public office or employment.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for September, 1904.

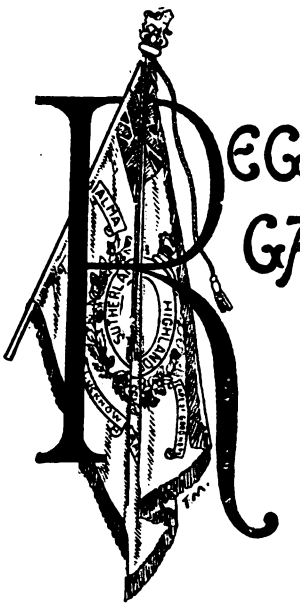
1 Th. Establishment reduced to 30 Officers, 41 sergeants, 23 drummers and pipers, 40 corporals and 560 privates, 1878.
2 F.
3 S.
4 S.
5 M.
6 Tu. Victoria Cross presented to Lieut.-Colonel Hans Garrett Moore at Gibraltar, 1879.
7 W.
8 Th. Second grand assault on Sebastopol, 1856, Redan entered by Lieutenants McBean and Fenwick and 10 volunteers, and found deserted.
9 F. Tochi Campaign, Second Khaza Column under General Penn-Symons left Sheranni, 1897. Third Cholera outbreak in 1862.
10 S.
11 S.
12 M.
13 Tu.
14 W. Landed in Crimea, 1854.
15 Th.
16 F. Embarked on board H.M.S. "*Alceste*," "*Bedford*," and "*Bell Poule*" for America, (New Orleans), 1818. Strength, 33 Officers, 42 sergeants, 22 trumpeters (?), 48 corporals, and 817 Privates.
17 S. Enfield Rifles (53 pattern) issued to regiment in Crimea, 1854. Sergeants left Half Battalion win Presentation Shooting Cup at Ranikhet, 1901.
18 S.
19 M. March to Sebastopol commenced, 1854.
20 Tu. Battle of Alma, 1854; 1 Officer and 7 men killed, 44 wounded. "*Mauritius*" arrived Calcutta, 1857.
21 W. Embarked Guernsey for Scotland (Kirkcaldy), 1802.
22 Th.
23 F. Embarked Fort George for Guernsey, 1800.
24 S.
25 S.
26 M. "*Belleisle*" arrived Calcutta, 1857; regiment met and welcomed by Sir Colin Campbell.
27 Tu.
28 W.
29 Th.
30 F.

A correspondent sends us the following yarn:—

The audacity of the English soldier is proverbial. One of them passing the canteen of a Highland regiment during the progress of a song went in. He was made welcome, and making himself at home volunteered to sing. His proposal was gladly accepted, and the pianist struck up the familiar tune of "Scots wha' hae wi' Wallace bled," and with an indescribable Cockney accent he sang the following:—

"Scots wha hae on haggis fed,
Scots wha hae fra Flodden fled,
Scots wha sold King Charlie's head,
For a base bawbee."

Then with a rush he was through the door, and not a moment too soon, for the infuriated Highlanders—up till then bound with amazement—now rose, and with a yell of fury went in hot pursuit, which only terminated when the audacious Sassenach was safe within his own lines.



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PROMOTIONS.

No. 8215 Sergeant E. J. Cheesman, Unattached List, is promoted Sub-Conductor, with effect from 19th March, 1904.

No. 5530 Sergeant S. Gurney, is promoted Quarter Master Sergeant, and transferred to the Punjab-Bengal Unattached List for employment as Instructor, British Survey Class, Roorkee, with effect from the 1st November, 1903.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporal:—

No. 7174 Acting Lce. Corpl. W. McPherson, "H" Coy., dated 7-7-04.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Acting paid Lance Corporal:—

No. 7703 Lce. Corpl. D. Stirling, "H" Coy., dated 7-7-04.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals:—

No. 6397 Pte. J. Wright "E" Coy., dated 5-7-04, while employed in the Regimental Gymnasium.

No. 9159 Pte. G. Buckley, "G" Coy., dated 18-7-04.

To be 1st Class Instructor in Mounted Company, Upper Burma Volunteers:—

No. 5912 Colour Sergeant R. Gilmour, dated 27-6-04.

To be Pay Sergeant:—

No. 3394 Colour Sergeant J. Durnan, "D" Coy., dated 11-7-04.

To be Pioneer:—

No. 5050 Pte. J. Britton, "A" Coy., dated 24-5-04.

SERVICE PAY.

Granted Class I., at 7d. per diem:—

"E" Company.

No. 6664 Pte. E. Dunne. | No. 6896 Pte. J. Sharp.

"F" Company.

No. 6930 Pte. R. Paterson.

"G" Company.

No. 6485 Pte. M. Nicholson | No. 5327 Pte. R. West.

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"B" Company.

No. 7844 Pte. A. Kiddie | No. 7212 Pte. W. Fraser.
No. 7801 Pte. J. George.

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"F" Company.
No. 8425 Private R. Howieson.
"H" Company.
No. 6724 Private R. McDonald.

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No. 6711 Pte. A. Nicoll | No. 5980 Pte. P. Farrell.
"E" Company.
No. 6664 Private E. Dunne.
"F" Company.
No. 6582 Private D. Fraser,
"G" Company.
No. 6927 Pte. W. Brennan | No. 6806 Pte P. Tate.
"H" Company.
No. 6020 Private J. McMahon.

One G.C. Badge :—
"B" Company.
No. 7844 Private A. Kiddie.
"D" Company.
No. 8083 Pte. T. Forsyth | No. 7999 Pte. T. Muirhead.
"E" Company.
No. 7723 Private J. McCarthey.
"F" Company.
No. 8790 Dr. J. Hollands | No. 8425 Pte. R. Howieson.
"G" Company,
No. 5929 Private J. B. Huuter.
"H" Company.
No. 6378 Private H. Nevard.

2d. G. C. Pay :—
"G" Company.
No. 6218 Private G. Murphy.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted Acting Schoolmaster's Certificate, dated 22nd March, 1904 :—
No. 4619 Lce. Corpl. W. McKinnon, "G" Coy.

Granted Part I., First Class Certificate of Education, dated Poona, 28th March 1904 :—
No. 7950 Lce. Corpl. H. J. Hutchison, "D" Coy.
,, 7438 ,, J. Galbraith, "D" ,,
,, 8423 ,, W. Ingram, "D" ,,

Granted Butchery Certificates :—
No. 7823 Private J. Craig, "D" Coy.
No. 7857 Pte. J. McPherson, "E" Coy.

PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.

Corporal to Sergeant :—

No. 7950 Lce. Sgt. F. Harvey	No. 4923 Lce-Sgt G. Newall
,, 5490 ,, S. Smith	,, 6182 ,, A. Watt.
,, 6199 ,, J. Markey	,, 6851 Corpl. E. Brett.

Lance Corporal to Corporal :—
"A" Company.
No. 7757 Lance Corporal. W. Bell,,
,, 5287 ,, ,, C. Munro,
"B" Company.
No. 7192 Lance Corporal C. Campbell.
,, 7543 ,, ,, N. Halliday.
"C" Company.
No. 6535 Lce.-Corpl. A. Mathieson.
"D" Company.
No. 5694 Lance Corporal J. Blake.
,, 5394 ,, ,, J. Ross.

TRANSFERS.

To Army Reserve in India :—
No. 6167 Pte. N. Simpson, "H" Coy.
No. 6189 Pte. J. M. McGregor, "G" Coy.
No. 6213 Lce. Cpl. A. Campbell. "E" Coy.

To 29th Company, R.F.A.
No. 5284 Pte. A. McIntyre "B" Company, dated 1-7-04.

NUMBERS ALLOTTED.

The number 9452 to Pte. J. Y. Wilson, "A" Company.
,, ,, 9452 to Pte. R. Watson, "D" ,,

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Discharged by purchase :—
No. 7196 Pte. A. Haverfield, "C" Company, dated 5-7-04.

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No. 7722 Pte. W. Dunsmore, "H" Company.
,, 7066 Pte. H. Sneddon, "B" ,,
,, 8222 Pte. J. Smith, "B" ,,
,, 9015 Pte. W. J. Tennant, "C" ,,
,, 7991 Pte. P. Willmore, "A" ,,

CHANGE OF NAME.

No. 7743 Pte. R. Wilson, "H" Coy. is permitted to assume as an alias the name "Robert Hosie Fleming."

FURLOUGHS.

No. 9216 Piper A. Milton, "G" Coy. 7-7-04 to 7-8-04.
,, 6480 Pte. T. Foster, ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 5890 Pte. A. Dickson, "C" ,, 20-7-04 to 19-9-04.
,, 4621 Pte. J. White, "C" ,, 19-7-04 to 17-10-04.
,, 4543 L./C. D. Finlayson, "D" ,, 1-8.04 to 17-0-4.
,, 8656 Pte. J. A. Borgen, "G" ,, 1-8-04 (pending discharge.)
,, 6213 L./C. A. Campbell, "E" ,, 4-8-04 (pending transfer to A. R.)
,, 7799 Pte. A. Moffatt, "A" ,, 1-8-04 to 30-9-04.
,, 8059 Pte. W. McLay, "D" ,, 1-8-04 to 15-8-94.
,, 7800 S. Anderson, "C" ,, 1-8-04 to 30-9-04.
,, 6238 J. Smith, "G" ,, ,, ,, ,,

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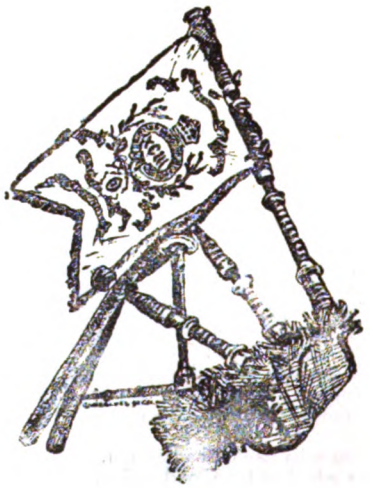

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The health of Poona during the month of August has been far from good, consequent upon the partial failure of the monsoon. There has been very little rain, the little there has been being of the drizzly, *Scotch Mist* sort, and while the crops here suffered dreadfully, disease of the most malignant kind has also made its unwelcome appearance. Cholera broke out at Pundharpur, a great Hindu place of pilgrimage, about the end of July, when the annual religious fair takes place, and the returning pilgrims scattered the seeds of the disease broadcast throughout the Presidency. Poona was early subjected to a visitation of the dreaded scourge, and on 1st August it became necessary to place the Bazar and Cantonment temporarily out of bounds for the troops. Plague also became rampant in the city, whilst a severe outbreak of Enteric took place amongst the troops, both here and at Kirkee, the East Lancashire Regiment being the heaviest sufferers. The first case of cholera in the regiment occurred about the beginning of August, when Sergeant Buchanan was attacked and made a most remarkable recovery. A few days later Mrs. Burnard, the wife of our respected schoolmaster, took ill and died in the Sassoon Hospital after an illness of very short duration. Mrs. Johnstone, the wife of Colour Sergeant Johnstone, was next attacked, and died after a few hours illness, Piper Rankin was the next victim, and fortunately the last, as though several more cases occurred the medical authorities by that time had the disease well in hand and no more deaths from it took place. The deepest sympathy of the entire Regiment goes forth to the relatives and friends of those who have died of this terrible disease, also to those who mourn the loss of Private McBride, who died during the month from enteric fever: and to Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Ditcham and Private and Mrs. Marshall on their equally sad bereavements.

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"H" Company, despite the uncertain weather, have just finished their Musketry with, comparatively speaking, most excellent results, the average for Part I. being 205. The best shot of the Company is Colour Sergeant Ewan, with a score of 269 in Part I. and 400 for the whole course.

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There are 28 marksmen, 44 1st class shots, 31 2nd class shots, and no 3rd class shots.

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"D" Company under Captain Marshall are now hard at work on the range making scores.

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The East Lancashire Regimental Sports took place on Wednesday and Tuesday, 10th and 11th August. Piper Wright and Private Cameron of "E" Company were prize-takers in the open events, the former taking 1st place in the "mile" and the latter third in the 440 yards and 100 yards respectively.

Piper Wright and Privates Rarity and Gray are training at present for the forty miles bicycle championship which comes off at Bombay next month, and we shall be glad to see them carry off the spoils, which they will doubtless do, if they are not too severely handicapped.

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"E" and "G" Companies, under Captain Darroch and Major Mackenzie respectively, have finished the annual Field Training course with the exception of the four days camp under service conditions, which, owing to the prevalence of cholera and scarcity of water in this district, has been postponed until more favourable conditions are possible.

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"B" Company, under Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean, and "F" Company under Captain Elphinston are now negotiating the heights around Poona, and hardening their feet for the forthcoming Poona District Manœuvres.

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There will be a scarcity of Officers and Sergeants during the incoming Drill Season if the demands for their services at Deolali and such like places are met in full. We understand that one or more section officers and four or five sergeants, besides a few N.C.O.'s as clerks, and about half a dozen privates as hospital orderlies are wanted at Deolali for duty during the trooping season. We have three officers and three sergeants at Deolali at the School of Musketry at present, and consequently are well represented at that station as it is.

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Major H. d'E. Vallancey, D.S.O., has proceeded to Deolali to take over the appointment of Commandant at the School of Musketry, thus relieving Captain McCandlish, who has returned to regimental duty and taken over the command and pay of "A" Company. The above change has taken place in connection with the Commander-in-Chief's new scheme of re-distribution of Staff appointments, under which the appointment of D.A.A.G. for Musketry Circles has been abolished, and an A.A.G. for Musketry at Command Headquarters substituted.

Lance-Sergeant Bertram has been selected to relieve Sergeant Inglis as Sergeant-Instructor at the School of Musketry, and has proceeded to Deolali to take over the appointment. Sergeant Inglis, we are sorry to say, has been ill for some time past, but is now reported convalescent, and a change to the bracing air of Purandhar should completely restore him to health.

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The class of Pay-sergeants who commenced work some months ago have now completed their course of study of the art of compiling company pay and mess lists, muster rolls, and cash accounts, etc., and have been relieved by a new class of novices.

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Several small parties of convalescents have proceeded to Purandhar Sanitarium during the month. From all accounts Sivaji's famous old stronghold is an ideal place for recuperating, and enjoys a remarkable reputation for its immunity from "Enteric;" not one single case of the soldier's scourge has ever been known to have been contracted there.

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The Presidential Assault-at-Arms is to be held at Poona from 5th to 10th September. A special feature will be the Piping and Dancing Competitions, open to the whole of India, which in recognition of the predominance of "tartan" in Poona this year, has been added to the already large list of events.

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Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean, on return from six months leave to England, has taken over the command and pay of "B" Company—Captain Hyslop's Company. 2nd Lieutenant R. D. Falconar-Stewart has taken over command and pay of "H" Company from Major Vallancey, D.S.O.

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We must congratulate Captain Hyslop on his appointment as Superintendent of Gymnasia at Umballa, and though sorry to lose such an excellent officer for even a few years only from the regiment, we are delighted to hear of his success. No doubt he will, if time is available, pay us a visit when he arrives off leave from England, before proceeding to take over his new duties.

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"H" Company has commenced the annual course of Gymnastics, but it is unlikely that any more companies will be put through until the Musketry and Field Training Season is finished.

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An impetus has been given to school education by the introduction of Service Pay, one clause in the conditions of which lays down that a 3rd class certificate of education is a necessary qualification

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for admission to Class I. No less than thirty-six third class certificates were awarded during the present month to candidates for the higher rate of pay.

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Colour Sergeant Johnstone and Sergeant Macinnes returned to the regiment from Somaliland during the month. Both non-commissioned officers were employed as Transport-Sergeants, and if they did not see much fighting at least suffered the usual amount of hardships which campaigning in a desert and inhospitable country like Somaliland is sure to have called for.

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Our esteemed Padre, the Revd. Alan Cant, having returned off sick leave much restored in health, has entered into his work again with corresponding energy, and the result is to be seen in the great improvements that have taken place in St. Andrew's Church. The extension of the church was used for the first time for the parade service on the 24th July, and on that occasion, for the first time since we came to Poona, was the whole battalion able to attend Divine Service together. It is still rather a tight fit to get everyone in, but with a judicious amount of care, accommodation can be obtained for all. The lighting of the church for the Evening Service still leaves much to be desired, but Mr. Cant is hopeful that a small grant for the purpose may be squeezed out of the Government and that the balance will be subscribed by the congregation. H.E. Lord Lamington the Governor of Bombay attended a Parade service during the month.

Through the medium of his supplement to "Life and Work" we see that Mr. Cant is appealing for papers and magazines for the men in hospital here and at Purandhar, and we take this opportunity of giving the Padre's appeal the publicity which it deserves.

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Colour-Sergeant Johnstone has taken over the duties of pay sergeant of "D" Company in succession to Colour Sergeant Durnan, who has taken over the "Attached Section." Sergeant Sutherland is proceeding as a section pay sergeant to Deolali.

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Entries for the Army Inter-Company match (abroad) have been made by each of the eight companies so there is a hope of another shield finding a resting place in the battalion this year. We have never had a proper chance of firing in this competition since "G" Company won it at Bareilly nearly four years ago, owing to there being no range accommodation at Calcutta and also to the fact that last year the battalion was scarcely settled down in Poona, and had no knowledge of the local ranges, when the competition came off last year.

It has been found necessary to draw the attention of O.C. Companies to the fact that the keeping of poultry in barracks is forbidden. The fondness of soldiers for animal and other pets is well known, but we should have thought the line would have been drawn at hens, and other varieties of poultry.

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The Connaught Institute, a recreation club for soldiers in Poona, has been renovated and reopened under the auspices of the R.A.T.A. It is conveniently situated near the race-course, between the lines of the two British regiments in the garrison, and should, owing to its favourable situation, be well patronised.

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Congratulations to Lieutenant Stonor on the receipt of his second star. We have been on the look out for the Gazette notification for quite a long time now, a fact which will doubtless convince the one time Editor of the "Thin Red Line" that he is not yet forgotton by the staff of the Regimental Paper whose destinies he directed so long and so ably. Lieutenant Stonor, whose regiment is the King's Own Scottish Borderers, is at present serving under the Colonial Office with the 2nd Battalion of the King's African Rifles, at Mombassa.

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The Battalion furnished for H. E. Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay, a Guard of Honour of 100 Rank and File under Captain A. Elphinston, with Band and Regimental colour, on the occasion of Sir Archibald Hunter's State Ball at Magdala House. The grounds of Magdala House were beautifully lit up by Chinese lanterns and many coloured lights, while inside the house and in the dining tents everything that forethought could devise was done for the comfort and and convenience of Sir Archibald's numerous guests. Scotch Reels, eightsome and foursome, were a special feature of the dance programme.

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The movement notice specifying the changes of troops at home has been issued by the War Office, and we see by it that the Ninety-First are doomed to spend another year in the salubrious climate of Longmoor. A change to Scotland would be welcome just now especially in view of the fact that the Ninety-First have in all probability only another three years to do at Home before commencing another foreign tour. Surely when the new scheme of redistribution of troops at Home takes place something will be done towards quartering a larger number of Scottish Regiments in their native land. As a correspondent in the Morning Post pertinently points out—

"Though Scotland supplies as many men to the cavalry as Ireland, only one regiment is quartered

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in Scotland, as against four in Ireland; about twenty battalions of infantry are quartered in Ireland, against three in Scotland, though there are eighteen Scottish battalions and only fourteen Irish ones."

And again—"If the withdrawal of the Highland Light Infantry from Jersey means a loss to the island of £70,000, how much more does Scotland lose yearly by being deprived of her due proportion of troops? Besides this injustice to the country, there is the additional injustice to the individual Scottish soldier, as he is almost certain never to be quartered in his own country (far less in his own district). Consequently, when he is on furlough from Jersey, Cork, Limerick, etc., he has to put his hand in his pocket for a railway ticket, which, if he hails from beyond Perth, will probably absorb his saving for a whole year."

Is it to be wondered why it is becoming so difficult to entice the Scot into the Army and why recruiting in the Highlands of Scotland is almost extinct?

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The Trooping Season commences next month and unfortunately promises to be particularly severe upon the battalion in the way of draining it of old soldiers. Quite fifty per cent are twelve years men, which is an additional cause of regret at parting with so many good men. "Why don't you take on for twenty-one years and transfer to the Home Establishment if you want to go home?" is a question that is often asked but seldom satisfactorily answered. In view of the present stagnation of trade at Home and especially on the Clydeside, where most of our men hail from, this is a question that too little thought is given to. Where is the labourer, or even how many tradesmen are there, who can command fourteen shillings a week pocket money, and yet, after deducting all necessary stoppages such as cooking, washing, athletic club, etc., that is the amount a private soldier in possession of Class I. Service Pay is able to clear in a week for pocket money. Another thing which the twelve years man should remember is that he does not enter into civil life with so favourable prospects as the seven or eight years man, as in addition to being more rusty at his trade, if he has one, he has no reserve pay to fall back upon. Many seven years men will tell you that had it not been for their reserve pay they would never have been able to manage at all during the first year or two in civilian life as it was frequently the only means of subsistence they had while looking for employment. If this is the case with seven years men how much more unlikely is it that the twelve years man will find prosperity in civilian life? We would advise those of our readers who are due to go home this year to make sure of permanent employment before they leave the army, and if they can't be sure of such to take on for twenty-one and a pension, and a transfer to the home establishment if they are weary of Indian soldiering.

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We would remind those of our readers who are going home this season that for the sum of two rupees, which includes postage, the "The Thin Red Line" will be sent regularly to any address in the United Kingdom or elsewhere for the term of one year.

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Our "photo" supplement this month is a picnic group of the Permanent Staff of the 4th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders which was taken at Irvine Camp during the Training period. Many old and familiar faces will be recognised amongst the crowd of picnicers.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

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[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT he wanted them to stop talking as he couldn't hear what they were saying on the semaphore.

That the old "Pan-i-puts' eyesight is failing him.

That Blue Peter wis a repeater.

That he fired 7 rounds rapid in 45 seconds, but didna qualify as he didna notice till the last round that there wis a fly on his foresight.

That he could make good use of his hands as he was at the slope, and managed to get another salute in with his right hand.

That he passed a "Nappy" and a native barber on the road.

That if he didna get under cover in twa meenutes the hale world would see him.

That the Dursi refused tae gie him a crop.

That he couldna get three eggs for a pice and the price wis only twa pice each.

That he wis going tae make up for lost time and sleep all day to-morrow night.

That he was sitting, stauning watching the line strike the ba,' and could show them the grun on the line noo tae.

That he kens when a ba' is oot or in.

That the Captain would shoot himself first and then proceed to the butts to examine the targets.

That a certain chiel disna wear flannel shirts as he has only got two grey-backs.

That he thocht it it wis a goal when the ball struck the batsman's leg.

That the letter R. in front of the name of a river denotes its Christian name.

That "Juicy" voted a defaulter's life a rosy one when he breakfasted in state in the Officers mess tent at the shooting match.

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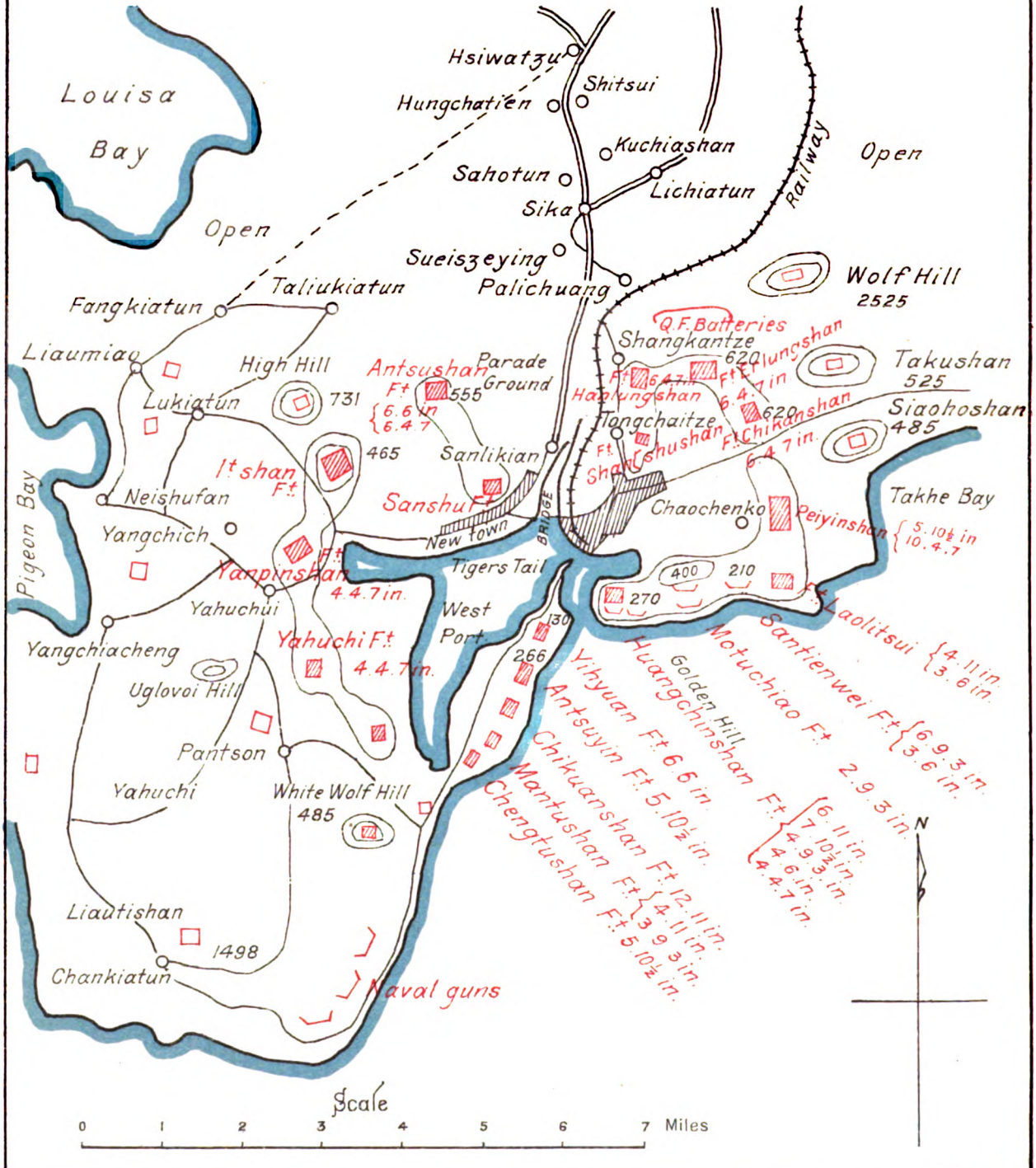

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The Russo Japanese War.

The hasty evacuation of Haicheng ordered on July 31st was caused by the pressure exercised by General Kuroki in the direction of Liaoyang. On that day he attacked the Russians twenty-five miles East and S.E. of Liaoyang at Kushu-lin-tzu, about ten miles North of the Motien pass, and at Yang-tzu-ling, six miles West of the pass. In the first action he drove the enemy to Anping, and in the second to Tang-ho-yen, with the loss of two guns and General Count Keller killed. Finding his right rear threatened by the Japanese column West of the railway, Kuropatkin retired to Ansanchan, fifteen miles south of Liaoyang on August 1st. He was practically unmolested and got away most of his transport and stores. Advancing from Tashihchiao on the same day General Oku occupied Haicheng and Niuchuang town on 3rd. During these three days fighting the Japanese had about 400 killed and 950 wounded, while the Russians lost 2,000 and 350 prisoners.

On August 25th the Japanese began their advance against the Russian positions south and east of Liaoyang, but were delayed for three days by rain and the Russian rear guard, which eventually had to abandon eight guns, fifteen miles South of Liaoyang on 28th.

General Kuroki on 24th attacked the positions about Anping, 10 miles S.E. of Liaoyang, and after three days hard fighting drove the Russians out with a loss of eight guns. So severe was the Russian resistance that Marshal Oyama had to reinforce Kuroki with the tenth division from General Nodzu. On 28th General Nodzu captured Ansanchan, and on 29th he and General Oku arrived in front of the Liaoyang positions. These consisted of an entrenched line five miles long and six miles south of the town, with a second shorter line 1,000 yards in rear, and behind that a third line of entrenchments and fortified houses just outside the town. A general assault was made on these on 30th, and on night of 31st three more unsuccessful ones, the Japanese losing about 20,000 men. During August 30th and 31st General Kuroki was passing his troops over the Taitze River and threatening General Kuropatkin's rear to such an extent that the latter began on the night of 31st a retirement on Liaoyang, and to move troops to his left to withstand Kuroki, and if possible separate him from Nodzu. Kuroki was unable to make any headway against the strong force in front of him and the Russians got safely across the river on August 3rd, retiring to Yentai, ten miles North of Liaoyang, and thence towards Mukden.

So far as it is possible to understand the Port Arthur fighting it appears that General Nogi by July 6th had succeeded in capturing the Laoluitsui Forts, and Taku and Siao-ho hills, four miles from Port Arthur. These hills command the Chi-Kan-shan and Pai-yin-shan Forts North and South of the Dalny road. Extending his forces right round the fortress by July 27th he had gained a position on Pigeon Bay, and on White Wolf Hill, and reinforced by two fresh Divisions which landed at Dalny on July 15th, he drove the Russians on the 30th, after a week's desperate fighting, from Wolf Hill, which from a height of 2325 feet commands the Erhlungshan Forts, and also from the North East at a range of about three and half miles the greater part of the town and harbour. On August 25th Nogi captured the Itse-shan forts North West of the town whence he bombards the town at a range of about three miles. He is now said to be tunnelling towards the town as the resistance of the Russians is so desperate. The loss of life on both sides has been fearful, and in the continual assaults made by the Japanse they have lost many thousands of men. So ferocious have become the tempers of both sides, and so severe the continuous firing that the dead lie unburied and it is impossible to go to the assistance of the unfortunate wounded.

On August 4th, 400 Cossacks arrived at Hamheung, on the East coast of Korea, and pushed a detachment to Tokwen three miles N.W. of Gensan on the evening of the 8th Next morning an artillery engagement took place, lasting forty minutes, after which they retired, abandoning 180 rounds of gun ammunition. Large quantities of supplies are said to be arriving from Vladivostok at Kyengseng on the Korean border, and Southwards as if in preparation for a long campaign with large forces, whilst road repairing parties are South of Hamheung. We think this must be only a feint to divert the attention of the Japanese; at any rate the Russians have not yet got a large force to send into Korea, and if they had, the only possible road is commanded from the sea almost the whole way from Kyengseng to Gensan.

So severe had become the bombardment of Port Arthur that the Russian fleet could stand it no longer, and in obedience to orders from home, Admiral Vitoft put to sea on August 10th to join the Vladivostok squadron or to take refuge in the German port of Kiaochou where they had been offered a safe asylum. At 9 a.m. the fleet of seven battleships, four cruisers, and eight destroyers, also the hospital ship Mongolian, emerged from the harbour, but almost immediately the Bayan struck a mine and had to return. The Japanese fleet of five battleships, ten cruisers, and thirty destroyers quickly collected, and manœuvred so as to edge the Russians away from Port Arthur and Kiaochou and to destroy the battleships. At 1 p.m. the fight began about

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twenty-five miles South East of Port Arthur and lasted till sundown with two pauses of an hour. At 6 p.m. three shells struck the flagship Czarewitch, killing the Admiral, the Captain and the navigating officers, also wounding Admiral Matussevitch, the 2nd in command, and the steering gear being rendered useless the ship became unmanageable, and the fleet dispersed. Five battleships and one cruiser got back to Port Arthur under Prince Uktomsky, who has since been superseded for disobeying his orders to go to Kiaochou. The Czarewitch and three destroyers got to Kiaochou, where they were dismantled. The cruiser Askold and one destroyer got to Shanghai where they were dismantled on August 24th after prolonged vacillation on the part of the Chinese authorities, and chiefly owing to the presence of a Japanese squadron outside. The cruiser Diana went to Saigon in French Indo-China where she also was dismantled; two destroyers were wrecked near Wei-hai-wei, and another was blown up by a mine near the Shantung Promontory. The destroyer Rechitelni took refuge in Chifu, but not being dismantled the Japanese sent two destroyers in on the night of the 12th, and cut her out after her commander had tried to blow her up; she was taken to the Elliott Islands. This caused a great deal of excitement as she was taken out of neutral waters. The Japanese claim that as China is unable to preserve her own neutrality, and neglected to enforce dismantlement, they had the right to seize the ship. The cruiser Novik after coaling at Kiaochou on 11th passed through the Korean Straits, and reached Korsakovse in the Island of Saghalien on 19th, but in the afternoon of the 20th, two Japanese cruisers attacked her, and drove her ashore in a sinking condition. On 21st they tried unsuccessfully to blow her up and bombarded the town.

At dawn on August 14th Admiral Kamimura with four armoured cruisers encountered the three Vladivostok cruisers off the South East coast of Korea. They were coming to meet Admiral Vitoft, but hastily retreated North Eastwards after a fight of four or five hours, in which the Rurik was sunk, the other two escaping into Vladivostok where they arrived badly damaged and having had 135 killed and 307 wounded. The Japanese saved 600 of the crew of the Rurik, having 110 casualties.

It is somewhat difficult to understand why Admiral Togo broke off his action and allowed the six damaged ships to get back into Port Arthur, as his ships were sound and his losses were twelve officers, forty-nine men killed, and thirteen officers 111 men wounded. Doubtless he anticipated the early fall of the fortress in which case there was no objection to their going back to the trap. With so small a fleet, no reserve ships, and the possibility of the Baltic fleet coming into Eastern waters, he cannot afford to lose a battle ship.

Admiral Kammura did not dare to pursue the two damaged cruisers as he had to guard the Korean straits until he heard of the fate of Vitoft's sally from Port Arthur. It is now reported that the repairing of the Gromoboi and the Rossia is progressing favourably, and that the Bogatyr has been resued off the rocks and is being again made effective.

Other naval casualties to the Russians were a gunboat sunk by a mine near Port Arthur on August 18th, and the battleship Sebastopol whilst bombarding some of the Japanese land positions on 23rd also struck a mine and returned to harbour badly damaged.

The cruisers St. Petersburg and Smolensk on leaving the Red Sea proceeded to South African waters. On August 21st the Smolensk overhauled the British steamer Comedian, South of Durban in Natal, having previously been sighted near Port Elizabeth. Diplomatic action was immediately taken by the British Government, resulting in several warships in South African waters being sent on August 26th in search of the two cruisers conveying the orders of the Russian Government.

Two steamers bought from Germany and turned into cruisers began on August 6th stopping and searching British steamers off the coast of Spain, and continued to do so during the month to the indignation of British ship owners.

At the beginning of the month Russia proposed to Turkey to send more Volunteer Fleet vessels through the Dardanelles, but Turkey refused to allow this without a written guarantee that they were without arms and ammunition and would fly a merchant flag. Russia finally most reluctantly agreed. But what is another guarantee to Russia? She has broken so many already that one more or less cannot matter.

The Baltic Fleet, consisting of four fine battleships—the Borodino, the Imperator Alexander III., the Orel, and the Kniaz Suwroff—though able to put to sea has not yet started for the Far East. The British Government has issued a proclamation forbidding the coaling of any belligerent war ships at British ports, but Russia has obtained large quantities of coal in Cardiff which have been placed on colliers, chiefly German ships, which are being distributed along the route to be taken by the Fleet.

The Russians are on very good grounds accused of misuse of the white flag, of wilfully shelling hospitals, murdering wounded soldiers, and mutilating dead bodies, besides robbing the inhabitants of Manchuria and neglecting their own wounded. The policy of giving "No Quarter" was urged by

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the Moscow Gazette because the only way to deal with "a half savage and barbarous nation is the same as with a viper, namely, merciless extermination." It may be observed that the Russian nation is distinctly more savage and barbarous than the Japanese, who treat their wounded prisoners with the utmost generosity. An accusation against the Russians of using Dum Dum bullets has not yet been proved or disproved. Two can play at the game of "No Quarter," and it is apparent in the latest fighting that neither side asked for or gave quarter.

The Chunchuse brigands, 3,000 strong, attacked Thieling on August 2nd, taking the garrison by surprise. The Russians lost heavily in men, provisions and ammunition before the attackers were beaten off.

The Russians have had to issue fifteen millions of 4 year bonds at $3\frac{6}{10}$ per cent. interest, and up to August 16th they had spent twenty-five and three quarter millions in cash on the war. The Japanese are better off as their expenses are three and a half millions a month only, their trade has gone up during the war, and they have plenty of money to go on with. Their foreign loan of ten millions, the domestic one of ten, and fourteen millions from taxes give them plenty to go on with even after providing for the payment of the interest on the loans, not to mention that a gold mine has been found at Iwate in Japan.

The Sublime and the Ridiculous.

The following letter was recently received from America by the Editor of the St. George's Gazette —the Regimental Journal of the Old and Bold, the famous 5th Fusiliers. As a mixture of the sublime and ridiculous it is probably without a rival:—

"Mistar Edatur:—Joe Smith, who's father fought with the Fusilears in the Indian Mutiny, I am sorry to stait, has deseized. He departed this life last mundy at tle age of 23. He went 4th without any struggle, and sich is life. Tu Day we are as grass, to Morrer we are cut down like a cowcumber of the ground. Joe kept a stoar, which his wife now waits on. His virchews wos numerous to behold. We never knew him to put water in his milk tho the River runs past his dore. Pece to his remaines! he leves a wife, 8 children, a cow, 4 horses, a stoar, and quadropets to moarn his loss, but in the splendid langwidge of the poit, his loss is there eternal gane."

Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick William Traill-Burroughs K.C.B.

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We have received from an authoritative source the following record of our new Colonel's services. It contains several items of interest not mentioned in "Burgoyne's Record" which we published in our last number.

Sir Frederick William Traill-Burroughs was gazetted Ensign in the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders on the 31st March, 1848. He served with that Regiment in Bulgaria, and throughout the Crimean War, took part in the Battles of the Alma, Balaklava, (in which battle he commanded the Left Centre Company of the The Thin Red Line), and throughout the Siege of Sebastopol; and was present at the assaults of the 18th June and 8th September, 1855, and the fall of the Sebastopol. He also took part in the expeditions to and capture of Kertch and Yenikaleh.

He accompanied the 93rd to India, and was present under Lord Clyde at the Relief of Lucknow in November, 1857, and was recommended for (but did not receive) the Victoria Cross for being the first through the breach at the storming of the Sekunderabagh, when he, with Lieutenant William Gordon Alexander and some dozen men of the 93rd, defeated the Gate Guard and opened the gates from within for the entry of the British. He was slightly wounded by a tulwar cut on the head. He was also present at Lord Clyde's capture of Lucknow in March, 1858, at which he was severely wounded, being blown up whilst on the top of a house in that city. Was promoted Brevet Major. In 1862 he succeeded to the Command of the 93rd as Brevet Major when the Regiment was decimated by cholera in the valley of Peshawur, on which occasion it lost two commanding officers within ten days. He took the regiment over the river Indus at a ferry at Neilab below the fort of Attock, after which there were no further cases of cholera in the Regiment. He was thanked for his services by the Governor General in Council.

He commanded the regiment as a Major in the Umbeyla Pass in the Eusofzai Campaign on the N.W. frontier of India in 1863, and was mentioned in despatches. He commanded the 93rd for some ten years, and went on half pay in 1873.

He commanded the 1st Brigade of the Orkney Artillery Volunteers from 1873 to 1880, when he was promoted Major-General. At the reduction in the number of General Officers by Mr. Cardwell he was placed on the Retired List as a Lieutenant General in 1881.

He was appointed Colonel of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1897; and in 1904 was transferred as Colonel to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, in the 2nd Battalion of which

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Regiment he had served from Ensign to Lieut.-Colonel.

He is proprietor of the islands of Rousay and Vierd in the Orkney Islands, N.B., and is a D.L., J.P., and Vice-Lieutenant of the Counties of Zetland and Orkney.

Home and Depot Notes.

The Duke of Montrose, who recently retired from the Command of the 3rd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Stirlingshire Militia), is to be presented with his portrait (from the studio of Sir James Guthrie, P.R.S.A.) by the past and present officers of the battalion. The presentation will be made at Stirling on September 27th, the day after the county ball.

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Captain Alan Foster, whose retirement from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders has just been gazetted, has been appointed by the Scottish Education Department Inspector of Physical Instruction in connection with the inspection of Higher Schools Departments in Scotland. He will also inspect the classes in this subject in the Training Colleges as well as those for the further instruction of teachers conducted under Article 91 (D) of the Code. Captain Foster served with the 93rd for a short time during the stay of the battalion in the Punjab, but most of his time has been spent with the 91st, and on the Staff. He was Adjutant of the 4th Battalion when the South African War broke out and served for a considerable time on the staff as Staff Officer of one of the Brigades under General Rundle in the Orange River Colony.

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The annual shooting competition among the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Stirling Castle took place at Doune Range on Wednesday afternoon, with the following result:—1, Sergeant T.W. Newnes, £1 and gold badge, and name inscribed on No. 1 cup (88); 2, Quartermaster-Sergeant E. Martin, 15s, and name inscribed on No. 2 cup (84); 3, Sergeant-Major Lindsay, 10s. (79); 4 Colour-Sergeant Jenkins, 10s. (73); 5 Sergeant Moore, 7s. 6d. (73); 6 Colour-Sergeant Mathews, 7s. 6d. (72); 7, Staff-Sergeant Salter, 5s. (71); 8, Sergeant Bracken, 5s. (71).

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As a further advance in the practice of scouting a form of protection pass has been approved. With this in their possession men training in reconnaissance duties and despatch riding will be enabled to traverse districts other than their own without hindrance or interference by military or civil police. In this way it is hoped to increase their efficiency and render this particular service more popular and attractive.

It is been decided, with the King's approval, that, under the new system of Army administration, all official presentations of officers of the land forces at levées shall be made in future by the Inspector-General of the Forces, instead of by the Adjutant-General to the Forces as hitherto.

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The personal estate of the late General Sir John Alexander Ewart, G.C.B., of Graigcleuch, Dumfriesshire, Colonel of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, has been returned as of the gross value of £30,511.

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The Ninety-First will form part of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Divison of the Expeditionary Force from Aldershot under Lieut-General Sir John French who are to act the part of an invading army on the Essex coast during the forthcoming Autumn Manoeuvres. The troops under Sir John French will march on 1st September and embark at Southampton on the 5th or 6th.

Death of Colonel W. W. Knollys.

It is with deep regret we have again to chronicle the passing away of yet another late commanding officer of the Ninety-Third in the person of Colonel William Wallingford Knollys, of whose death at London on 12th August the home mail brings us news.

Colonel Knollys served with the Scotch Fusilier Guards in the Crimea, and in 1858 exchanged into the Ninety Third, joining as a Captain at the close of the Indian Campaign. He succeeded Colonel McBean in the command of the Regiment on 16th February, 1878, but only retained his command for a short period, retiring on half-pay on 1st January, 1879.

During his period of command, the supposed possibility of war with Russia caused the strength of the Regiment to be increased by volunteers from other Regiments, 366 such joining in three months, and in addition 453 men joined from the 1st Class Army Reserve, 200 of them being sent to the 91st in Dublin. The Ninety-Third was placed on the War Establishment with a strength (all ranks) of 1475.

Colonel Knollys, who was a brother of Lord Knollys, Private Secretary to His Majesty King Edward, was very well known in literary circles, being the author and editor of various works and a frequent contributor to the "Broad Arrow." His war medals consisted of the Crimean and Turkish Medals with clasp for Sebastopol.

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In Barracks.

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Password for the month—"What a funny game."

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A DEFAULTER'S PATROL.

In the good old summer time, my boys,
In the good old summer time,
Strolling round the roads so fine,
All your feet in time.
When the Sergeant says it's "nine,"
That's a very good sign;
You've not been little angels
In the good old summer time.

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I heard a funny little story the other night about a well known card of a certain company whose name is—well, Dugald,—(no names no pack drill). Dugald visited one of the local Hotels "Metropole" one evening, and after sampling the the entire "menu" finally wound up with several platefuls of a certain vegetable which is purveyed "bucksheesh" by the proprietors. All went merry as the proverbial marriage bell until the wee sma' 'oor ayont the twal' when suddenly Dugald started his barrack-room comrades with a horrifying yell. In answer to his agonizing cry his comrades jumped out of bed and quickly surrounded the unfortunate Dugald, who in husky tones informed them that it was all over with him, as he had burst a blood-vessel and had already lost over a gallon of blood His sympathising comrades bent over him, matches were at once struck and inspection made of Dugald and his *surroundings*. Sure enough there on the floor was a dark red pool. Messengers were at once despatched to the Guard-room to bring up the dhooly, but before it arrived, one of Dugald's comrades, who evidently knew *him*, made the startling though relieving discovery that after all the blood-coloured pool on the floor was not Dugald's gore but *beetroot*, the vegetable which he had partaken so freely of during the early part of the evening. Dugald made a rapid recovery, but his illness is still a sore subject, and it is highly dangerous to mention the word beet-*root* to him.

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It is a well known saying that "all roads lead to Rome," but, to perpetrate an old chestnut, on *roaming* around barracks lately, I found all sorts of newly made roads. What these roads are specially intended for is difficult to say, but our inspired idiot has come forward with the suggestion that the stones are for barking one's shins against, thereby encouraging the use of profane language in the regiment. It is a circumstance pregnant with sinister significance that the broadest and straightest of these roads is the one leading to the guard-room.

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The "Joys of India" are apparently of the negative order in someone's estimation, to judge from the opinions expressed in the following lines. They were found on a leaf torn from a notebook which was blown by a high wind into the editorial sanctum, and read as follows:—

"India that land of milk and honey, gold and silver, rice and curry; land of changes and of thunder; land of deserts, tanks and fountains; suspension bridges, jungles, mountains; land of beasts and reptiles evil; land whose heat would kill the devil."

Here the vituperative powers of my anonymous contributor have evidently failed him, but if he should ever have a return of similar inspiration I shall be glad to hear from him.

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JINGLES FROM THE GYM.

(With apologies to Johnnie Cope).

Noo staun up my lads wi' yer briests puffed oot,
Yer fingers at yer sides and yer feet splayed oot,
Wi yer een tae the front and yer knees kept straucht,
You're an awfa braw sicht in the morning.
Ye maun staun like this, ye maun jump like that,
An' maun pull like this, and maun bend like that,
An' lift up yer feet and hollow oot yer back,
Or you'll interview the kurnel in the morning.

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DREAMS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK—:

Monday—"A" Company are getting out a brand new football team by the next draft.

Tuesday—"B" Company are doing away with their 3rd class shots (no bloodshed is intended. The company commences musketry shortly).

Wednesday—"C" Company are investing in a larger athletic chest.

Thursday—"D" Company are handing back the "football clock" as they are afraid it will go.

Friday—"E" Company are willing to sell their Company garden

Saturday—"F", "G" and "H" Companies are for vaccination inspection at 9 a.m.

Sunday—Collection in aid of a few new voluntaries for the band.

ODDS AN' ENS.

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Mr. David Macrae's volume on "National Humour," which is just published by Mr. Gardner, the well known Paisley publisher, contains the following story of a Jura Highlander who had been drafted into the Glasgow police force. He had got instructions about not allowing people to obstruct the thoroughfare, and so he accosted a knot of young men who had gathered on the pavement with the words, "My lads, if you'll be going to stand here you'll have to be moving on." The young men began to chaff him, and very speedily roused his temper. He repeated his warning in sterner tones. "But why?" demanded one of the young men. "Isn't this a free country!" "This is not ta country at all, you tam sheep's heid," retorted the enraged policeman. "It is one of ta largest cities in ta toon of Glasco'."

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Pagal Sports.

Not least interesting of the "Sporting" events which have taken place in the Battalion during the month was the "Pagal Sports" held on the Cricket Ground on Tuesday, 23rd August. A good turn-out of spectators resulted in an exceptionally enjoyable afternoon being passed. Lieutenant Forbes was the prime mover in the gathering, and his entertaining powers will be admitted on referring to the programme, which included items open to all classes.

Nearly all the events, as was intended, were prolific of amusement, the costume races in particular causing much merriment among the spectators.

The results in the various events are as follows:—

1. *Three legged race.*
   1. Privates McPhee and Cameron, "E" Coy.
   2. „ Eite „ Thomson, "G" „
   3. Lce.-Cpl. Melville „ Robertson, "E" „
2. *Spud and Bucket race.*
   1. Pte. Peacock, "H" Coy. 2. Pte. Turnbull, "H" Coy. 3. Pte. Wright, "E" Coy.
3. *Balaklava Melee.*
   1. "F" Company.
4. *Bucket of Water race.*
   1. Pte. Fogg, "G" Coy. 2. Pte. Lee, "G" Coy. 3. Private Farrell, "H" Company.
5. *Animal and Bird race.*
   1. Pte. Bunton, "E" Coy. 2. Pte Curran, "C" Coy. 3. Pte. Reid, "C" Coy.
6. *Tilting the Bucket.*
   1 Pte Hughes, "B" Coy. 2. Pte. Morrison, "H" Coy. 3. Pte. Farrell "H" Coy.
8. *Dog race.*
   1. Pte. Cullen, "E" Coy. 2. Lce.-Cpl McVea, "C" Coy. 3. Pte. Beattie, "A" Coy.
9. *Mop v. Mop (Company teams of 4 aside).*
   1. "B" Company. 2. "F" Company.
10. *Donkey race (in costume).*
    1. Pte. Pledger, "H" Coy. 2. Pte. Allan, "F" Coy. 3. Pte. Stevenson, "E" Coy. 4. Pte. Mowatt, "D" Coy.
11. *Bun race.*
    1. Pte. Eden, "D" Coy. 2. Pte. Skene, "G" Coy. 3. Pte. Rankin, "B" Coy.
12. *Children's race.*

(A large number of the children took part in this race and owing to the numerous prizes nearly all were able to secure one).

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Football Jottings.

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(By a Critic.)

After the monotony of the past month or two, the news that our General was interesting himself in the inauguration of a Football Trophy, to be competed for by the Regiments in the Poona District, and to be termed the "Richardson Challenge Cup," was much appreciated by the lovers of the game in the Ninety-Third.

The drawings in the above competition found us pitted in the 1st Round as follows:—
Left-Half Bn. 93rd Highrs. v. 3rd Brigade, R.F.A.
Right-Half Bn. 93rd Hds. v. 43rd Brigade, R.F.A.
Winners of above to play winners of both half Battalions of either East Lancashire Regiment or of Connaught Rangers.

Along with others I journeyed to Ghorpuri to witness the first game played between our Left Half Battalion and the 3rd Brigade R.F.A., and reached the ground just as both elevens were lined up to commence. It was indeed a great surprise to many to see the composition of our team almost entirely of men of "F" Coy. The general opinion was that there was room for improvement; however, let's to the game.

Kicking off against a slight breeze and in threatening weather, we were all prepared to witness a good game, but in this were disappointed. The gunners were a heavy, likely looking lot, but it was early evident they were no match for their opponents, who kept them fairly well pegged down in their own "25," and ere half time was piped "Ours" had two goals to their credit. On change of territory the game settled down to a hum-drum,—kick and rush style,—little, if any, football being displayed on either side, if we may except Quinn, who seemed to revel in his old tricks, which are no doubt amusing but in no way helpful to his side. However, after another thirty minutes uninteresting display, during which "Ours" added two more goals to their credit, time up was announced and the 93rd left the field winners by 4—0, and destined to meet in the Semi-final our old friends the Right Half Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment.

43rd Brigade, R.F.A., v. Right-Half Bn. 93rd Highlanders.

A few evenings later our Right-Half Battalion team turned out to meet the 43rd Brigade, R.F.A., who were our opponents in the second tie, this time on our ground at Wanowrie. The Critics as usual sized the players of "Our" eleven as soon as they appeared on the ground, and I at once could hear a grunt of satisfaction, the majority being evidenty satisfied that this eleven at least were all there. Kicking off towards the married quarters end it was early apparent that both teams meant business, the ball travelling continuously from end to end, the gunners giving us a good run for it. Settling down, however, the "Rories" often gave some touches of excellent football, and forcing the pace, scored the first goal of the game, the goal

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keeper getting no chance to save. This reverse gave the gunners the required sting, and rush us they did, having very hard luck more than once in not drawing level. Shortly afterwards "Ours" again took up the running and capped a very pretty piece of play by scoring the second goal of the game. Everything looked us if our opponents were now tiring, the pace was rather a hot one and "Ours" seemed the likeliest lot to last, which proved to be the case, as shortly before time we again scored, the whistle immediately sounding time, leaving us winners by 3-0. Although beaten the Gunners were by no means disgraced. It was rather a coincidence to find this Half Battalion pitted against the Left Half of the East Lancashires in the second semi-final, their opponents in the first round having scratched.

Left Half Bn. 9-3rd v. Right Half Bn. E. Lancs.

About the middle of August crowds could be seen wending their way Ghorpuri-wards to witness the first of the semi-finals in the Richardson Cup, between our Left Half Battalion and the Right Half Battalion of the Lillywhites. My own opinion on the result was—an ardent desire for "Ours" to win; but somehow I had a clinging fear that this half of "Ours" was on the weak side, for the strong combination rumour reported our opponents to be, and my inward fear proved to be correct. Kicking off towards the Wanowrie goal, it was early apparent that the Lancashires had their eye to business. They certainly combined well and carried the ball along in a way which seemed to leave our men standing still. However, what our forwards and half backs lacked, our two backs—Wallace and Collins - seemed to possess plenty of, to wit—"Go." They in conjunction with Mullen in goal certainly had their work cut out, and right well they stood up to the repeated onslaughts of the eager forwards of our opponents. Time after time, when it was thought all was over, did they come to the rescue; but persistence around goal invariably brings its own reward, and what a shock it was to ours when the dangerous space was cleared for the fatal penalty kick. From my position on the field I cannot pass an opinion as to what the infringement really was; but penalty it was, and no mistake made about the kick, either.

On change of ends, a slight, very slight improvement in the method of our forwards could be seen, but it was to no purpose—score they could not, although at times their luck was the hardest, and the whistle announced time with "Ours" beaten by one goal to nil. Suffice it to say that on the night's play our opponents thoroughly deserved this win.

Right Half 9-3rd v. Left Half East Lancs.

A large and excitable crowd was present on our ground to witness the second game in the semi-final of the Competition, this time between Our Right Half and the Left Half of the Lilly-whites. Kicking off towards the Library end, one could see that "Ours" meant to make the pace a hot one. Breaking away from the kick off, the ball was nicely worked along, only to be returned hard by the left back of the Lillies, whose forwards at once fastened on and made tracks for our goal, and before one could realise what was happening the ball was in the net and our opponents stood one up. This was indeed a surprise to "Ours," and served to wake them up to the fact that they would require to play to win. Carrying the ball along from the kick off, they got nicely set almost under the bar, but the Lillies' backs were all there and cleared their goal with good judgement. The game just at this period was of the fast order, the ball travelling rapidly from player to player only to be pulled up sharp when they reached the last line of defence. Both sets of backs were certainly doing their share. From this onwards "Ours" asserted their superiority and over and over again experienced the hardest of luck in front of goal, they seemed to dally too much and lost chances which might have proved fruitful had prompt shooting been indulged in. Half time found the score unaltered, our opponents crossing over one up.

On restarting it was a relief to see the way "Ours" settled down to their work, evidently determined to make up leeway, and carrying the ball along prettily to their opponents' end. There they remained almost the full period of this half, but score they could not, shot after shot was sent in in quick succession, only to be as smartly cleared—two minutes to go and a goal down, things were looking black indeed for "Ours" when in the midst of a melee right under the bar the ball was at last driven in the net and we breathed again, time up being piped immediately after.

The teams crossed over to play out the required extra time, and at once settled down to business, "Ours" were certainly having the lion's share of the play, and after several smart runs at last netted the second goal of the game amidst tremendous enthusiasm. It could be seen that stamina was the required factor now, and "Ours" sticking well to their work, had little difficulty in keeping our opponents in hand until the whistle sounded, leaving us winners of a most exciting game by two goals to one.

FINAL, RICHARDSON CUP.

Right Half 9-3rd v. Right Half East Lancs.

After repeated postponements, for reasons unknown to the outsider, this game was announced to be played on the evening of the 29th August on the Volunteer ground, and crowds of supporters of both teams lined the ropes. Prompt to time

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the elevens kicked off, "Ours" playing towards the Race-Course end. The pace set was very fast, and every one settled down to watch a good, hard and close fight, and in this they were not disappointed. Both sets of forwards were particularly smart on the ball, the Lilly's forwards at this period finishing better, if anything, than "Ours." Up and down ranged the play, and after a good run by our opponents in which our half backs shewed lack of judgement, the ball was netted from a capital shot, thus giving our opponents first blood. On restarting from mid field, the Rories, responding to the calls of their supporters, strove for all they knew to equalise matters, and settled down to play a much more confident game, with the result that the ball was soon hovering very near our opponents goal-line. Time and again we were within an ace of doing the trick, but were as neatly robbed of this pleasure, mostly by the sterling play of the "General," who in himself is almost a team. But that goal had to come, and after a beautiful run almost the whole length of the field, Houston found the desired spot and we were once more equal. Both teams were now doing their utmost, but stamina again came to our assistance and we gradually wore out the attack of our opponents who replied by occasionally breaking away, only to be brought up smartly by our half backs, who seemed to have profited by their mistake earlier in the match and were playing a sterling game. It was from the foot of that "War Horse," Mowatt, that we found the winning goal and what a beauty too!—fully 35 yards out and going along at a good pace he suddenly stopped, steadied for an instant and let go, and we were two up, the goalkeeper making no effort to save. After this success "Ours" appeared to be bent on making no mistake, and kept the Lillie's well in their own territory. Time was drawing near, when our right back drove well up to Lapsley, who picked it up, and from quite twenty-five yards out, let go, but just as the ball was sailing into the net the whistle sounded time up, and deprived us of the prettiest scored goal of the game, by a second only. However, it was all over and we run out winners of a very good game by two goals to one, and thus became first holders of the Richardson Challenge Cup—for season 1904.

The following are the teams who represented the Battalion in the above competition.

RIGHT HALF BATTALION (Winners)

Pte. Shields,

Pte. Ballantyne, Pte. Reid (C Coy.)
Pte. Gibson, Pte. Lapsley, Pte. Mowatt, (Capt.)
Pte. Fleming, Pte. Maclay.
Pte. Houston,
Pte. Pollock, Hogg.

LEFT HALF BATTALION

Pte. Mullen,

Pte. Wallace (Captain) Pte. Collins,
L-Cpl. Hempseed, Bds. Auchinvole, Pte. Duncan,
Pte. Wright, Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery,
Lce-Cpl. Mulholland, Bds. Quinn, Pte. Faichney.

Sergeants' Mess Notes.

The only event of more than passing interest which occurred during the month was the Billiard Handicap, destined to wile away the tedious evenings during the "monsoon" weather,—or at least what should have been monsoon weather. A good entry resulted in some excellent play being witnessed, and, while the results are appended, it is regretted that through a series of unfortunate mishaps the finalists scores cannot be given.

RESULT:

				Result.
		1st Round.		
Sgt. McCrae	Beat	Sgt.-Maj. Ditcham	...	200 to 191
O.R.S. Macdonald.	,,	Sgt. Stewart	...	220 ,, 161
Sgt. Sutherland ...	,,	Cr.-Sgt. Macmaster	...	200 ,, 197
Lce.-Sgt. Tawse ...	,,	Lce.-Sgt. Dougall	...	250 ,, 164
Cr.-Sgt. Ritchie ...	,,	Sgt. Balfour	...	235 ,, 150
Lce.-Sgt. Markey..	,,	Lce.-Sgt. Douglas	...	200 ,, 101
Sgt. Wallace ..	,,	,, Watt	..	215 ,, 148
,, Brash ..	,,	,, Young	...	200 ,, 146
,, Ballantyne ..	,,	Sgt. C. Fraser ..	...	240 ,, 167
Cr.-Sgt. Durnan ...	,,	Cr.-Sgt. Clarke	...	200 ,, 158
Sgt. Gibb	,,	Sgt. Mahoney...	...	215 ,, 166
Cr.-Sgt. Ewan ...	,,	Pipe Major Lynch	...	222 ,, 194
Sgt. Buchanan ...	,,	Sgt. Milne ..	...	200 ,, 149
Lc.-Sgt. McCallum	,,	Sgt. Mr. Tr. Crawford..		265 ,, 134
Cr.-Sgt. Arnott ...	,,	Sgt. Cockburn..	...	200 ,, 141
Sgt. Dr. Duff ...	...	A bye.		
		2nd Round.		
Sgt. Wallace ...	Beat	Sgt. Dr. Duff ...	..	215 to 195
Lce.-Sgt. Markey..	,,	Cr.-Sgt. Ewan ..	...	200 ,, 161
Cr.-Sgt. Durnan...	,,	Sgt. Ballantyne	...	220 ,, 184
Sgt. Buchanan ...	,,	Cr.-Sgt. Arnott	...	200 ,, 159
,, McCrae ...	,,	Sgt. Brash ..	...	236 ,, 200
Lce.-Sgt. Tawse ...	,,	O. R. S. Macdonald ..		200 ,, 182
Lc.-Sgt. McCallum	,,	Cr.-Sgt. Ritchie	...	201 ,, 200
Sgt. Gibb	,,	Sgt. Sutherland	...	225 ,, 172
		3rd Round.		
Sgt. Buchanan ...		... Beat Cr.-Sgt. Durnan.		
,, Gibb ...		... ,, Sgt. Wallace.		
Lce.-Sgt. Tawse ...		.. ,, ,, Markey.		
Sgt. McCrae ...		... ,, Lce.-Sgt. McCallum.		
		Semi-Finals.		
Sgt. Buchanan ...		... Beat. Sgt. McCrae.		
Lce.-Sgt. Tawse ...		... ,, ,, Buchanan.		
Sgt. Gibb ...		... A bye.		
		Final.		
Sgt. Gibb		... Beat Lce.-Sgt. Tawse.		

Shooting.

OFFICERS *v.* SERGEANTS

This match was fired off on Thursday, 18th August, but owing to the prevailing uncertain weather, the scoring was not of a high order. On the conclusion of the match, breakfast was provided by the Officers. The total points gained

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by Officers were 801, and by the Sergeants 862, leaving the latter winners of the match by 61 points. The following composed the teams:—

OFFICERS.—Major Vallancey, D.S.O.; Captains Darroch, Marshall and Elphinston; Lieutenants Herbert, A. J. H. Maclean, Fenzi, and Hon. R. Bruce, Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Lundie; 2nd Lieuts. James, Lord George Dundas, and Hartley.

SERGEANTS.—Sergt.-Major Ditcham, Colour-Sergeants Tyndall, Ewan, Arnott, Durnan, and Johnstone, Sergeants White, Sim, Stobie, Kenneth Fraser, Alexander Macdonald, and Dougall.

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REGIMENTAL SHOOTING CLUB.

In order that Battalion representatives may have an opportunity of making a good appearance at the forthcoming Poona Meeting, practice has been taking place at frequent intervals during the past month.

The Lieut.-General Commanding Bombay has directed that only men who are in receipt of or fully qualified for Class I. Service Pay will be allowed to compete at the Local and Central Meetings of the Bombay Presidency Rifle Association.

Thursday, 5th August, was devoted to a company team match and resulted in a fair entry, while on Thursday, 12th August, a rapid independent competition was held at 600 yards, the conditions being similar to the Army Inter-Company Match, but a high wind rising shortly after the commencemen prevented good scoring.

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There was a very successful performance in the Regimental Theatre, on the nights of Thursday and Friday, 4th and 5th August. Sergeant-Major Ditcham, who was mainly instrumental in organising the entertainment, was unfortunately unable, owing to a family bereavement, to witness the success of his labours, and Colour-Sergeant Clarke officiated as manager in his stead. The singing was of all round excellence, Bandsman Walsh in particular being in magnificient voice. Variety was afforded by a screaming farce entitled "Found in a four Wheeler." Captain Darroch acted the part of the somewhat lunatic husband in his usual masterful style, and Mrs. Darroch as "Mrs. Holloway" was excellent. Lieutenant Forbes, as "Joe Capsize, the wide-awake cabby," was perfect, so perfect, indeed as to make one wonder where he could possibly have learnt the wonderful cockney dialect he sported for the occasion. Miss George as "Milly" was also a great success, and we hope to see her again on our regimental stage. This entertainment, the first of its kind in the regiment since our arrival in Poona, being such a decided success we hope to see a revival of the A.D.C. which wiled away many a pleasant evening during our long sojourn among the Kumaon Hills. There are still a few of the old guard left, and we feel sure that there must be latent dramatic talent somewhere in the regiment. We are sorry to see that Captain and Mrs. Darroch are leaving us shortly for Stirling, the popular captain of "E" Company having been detailed for a spell of duty at the Depot. His energy in all matters affecting regimental entertainments is too well known to need recapitulation here, and our sorrow at his departure is only tempered by the fact that Capt. Tweedie, whom he relieves, is himself a staunch supporter of the R.A.D.C. Appended is a programme of the entertainment:—

PROGRAMME.

SONG ..."Just a Song at Twilight" ...*Lce.-Cpl. Armour*
,, ..."The Flight of Ages" ... *Pte. Davis.*
,, ..."A picture no Artist can paint".. ,, *McCreath.*
VIOLIN SOLO..."Serenata by Mozkowski" ,, *McKenzie.*
SONG ..."Mary" ... ...*Bds. Walsh.*
,, ..."Selected" ... ...*Lieut. & Adjt. J. Kennedy.*
,, ..."Motherland" ... ...*Bds. Noble.*

Screaming Farce

ENTITLED

"FOUND IN A FOUR WHEELER."

MR. HOLLOWAY ... ...*Capt. Darroch.*
JOE CAPSIZE ...(A Cabman)... ...*Lieut. Forbes.*
MRS. HOLLOWAY ... ...*Mrs. Darroch.*
MILLY ... ...*Miss George.*

CORNET SOLO ..."Eileen Alanah" ...*Bd. Sergt. McLachlan.*
SONG ... ...Selected .. ...*Driver Bowden.*
,, ...Comic ... ... ,, *Hunter.*
SWORD DANCE ... ...*Piper Taylor.*
DUET ... ..."Life's dream is o'er"...*Bd. Noble and Walsh.*

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Trooping Programme.

The following shows the programme for the Trooping Season of 1904-05:

Name of Boat.	Leaves England.	Arrives Bombay.	Leaves Bombay	Arrives England.
Assaye - -	8 9 04	1 10 04	12 10 04	3 11 04
Soudan - -	20 9 04	14 10 04	21 10 04	12 11 04
Plassey - -	1 10 04	25 10 04	2 11 04	24 11 04
Sicilia - -	11 10 04	3 11 04	11 11 04	8 12 04
Assaye - -	15 11 04	8 12 04	15 12 04	6 1 05
Soudan - -	23 11 04	16 12 04	25 12 04	18 1 05
Plassey - -	6 12 04	30 12 04	6 1 05	28 1 05
Sicilia - -	17 12 04	9 1 05	17 1 05	18 2 05
Assaye - -	17 1 05	10 2 05	17 2 05	11 3 05
Soudan - -	28 1 05	21 2 05	1 3 05	28 3 05
Plassey - -	7 2 05	3 3 05	14 3 05	5 4 05
Sicilia - -	18 2 05	13 3 05	22 3 05	13 4 05

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4th Batt. A. and S. Highlanders.

PERMANENT STAFF EXCURSION.

It has for many years been the custom of the permanent staff of the 4th A. and S. Highlanders to bring off a picnic, to which their wives and families and a few friends were invited, after the camping season was over, and the success of the outing has always been beyond dispute. This year, however, a new departure was made in this connection at the suggestion of some of the more enterprising members of the mess by which this annual outing was fixed to take place during the camping term, and Monday last was ticked off on the calendar as the date of the auspicious event. Special saloon carriages brought the non-military section of the party down from Paisley in the forenoon, and landed it at Bogside Station at about 11 o'clock. The clerk of the weather, who plays a very important part in functions of this kind, smiled on the proceedings in a manner that must have gladdened the hearts of the promoters of the scheme, and after a most enjoyable dinner, four brakes which had been chartered for the occasion, left the camp with as merry a company of excursionists on board as could have been found in the West of Scotland. The route chosen was one of the most picturesque in the district, through the town of Irvine, and proceeding by way of Ballot Road entered Eglinton policies by Stane Castle gates. After a pleasant run down the "long drive," a circuit was made to give the party a good view of the Castle, and the highway again was reached by skirting the eastern boundary of the cricket pitch, crossing the river Lugton in the grounds, and passing out of the policies by the gates nearest to Kilwinning. A brisk drive through Kilwinning, Stevenston, and Saltcoats, landed the company at its destination on Ardrossan Beach, where a couple of hours' rest was given to the horses. Leaving Ardrossan shortly after five, the camp was reached in good time, and tea, which the continued good weather allowed to be served in the open near the Mess, was done ample justice to by all concerned. A dance in the Mess formed a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable day's outing, and at 9-40 the party left for home from Bogside Station, as they had come, by special saloon carriages. Taken all over, the excursion is one that will be remembered with pleasure by all who were privileged to take part in it, and which reflected the highest credit on Sergeant-Major Louis Robertson and the members of the committee under him who were in charge of the arrangements for the day, as well as on Mr. Jas. Hogg, late Sergeant in the regiment and now Mess man to its officers, who attended to the purveying for the party, and Sergt-Rodgers, who supplied the music for the evening's dancing.—From an Irvine Paper.

Ninety-Third Calendar for October, 1904.

1 S. Establishment raised to 25 officers, 43 sergeants, 21 drummers and pipers, and 820 rank and file = 909, 1877. Tochi Campeign: return of second column to Datta Khel from Khaza Valley, 1897.

2 S Returned to Sherranni from second Khaza column 1897.

3 M. Zowe column under General Egerton left Sheranni, 1897.

4 Tu. NINETY-THIRD on H.M. Frigate "*Galatea*," and Troopship "*Tyne*" left Newfoundland for Sunderland, 1815.

5 W.

6 Th.

7 F. New colours presented by Duke of Wellington at Canterbury, 1834; these colours were carried through the Crimea Campaign, and are now in Glasgow Cathedral. Murree Football Cup, won, 1896.

8 S.

9 S

10 M. Wing from Sialkot to Lahore for Durbar, 1864; Sir John Lawrence, K.C.B., Viceroy and Governor-General of India. Battalion leaves Ranikhet for Shahjahanpur to guard Boer prisoners of War, 1901.

11 Tu.

12 W. Fourth attack of cholera at Peshawar necessitating move into camp, 1862. Frontier Medals distributed, Chaubattia, 1898.

13 Tu. Canterbury for Weedon by detachments, 1834.

14 F. Canterbury for Weedon, 1834. Battalion arrives Shahjahanpur, 1901.

15 S. Canterbury for Weedon, 1834. Embarked Calcutta, for Bombay 1903.

16 S Halifax for Quebec, 1838.

17 M. Siege of Sevastopol commenced, 1854. Four companies to Ferozepore, 1864.

18 Tu. Tochi Campaign Return of Zowe column to Sheranni, 1897.

19 W. Arrival of Boer prisoners of War at Shahjahanpur, 1901.

20 Th. Lieut.-Colonel Rothe retired, 1853.

21 F. William Bernard Ainslie, Lieut.-Colonel, 1853.

22 S. Head-quarter Wing left Chaubattia for Almora manœuvres, 1898.

23 S Arrived Guernsey from Fort George, 1800; fully armed and equipped. Establishment reduced to 35 sergeants, 22 drummers, 650 rank and file, 1817. R.I.M.S. "*Hardinge*" with Ninety-Third on board, disembarked Bombay from Calcutta, 1903.

24. M. Arrived Poona from Calcutta, 1903.

25. Tu. NINETY-THIRD disembarked, Sunderland from Newfoundland, 1815. **BATTLE OF BALAKLAVA,** the **"THIN RED LINE"** of Glorious Memory, 1854. Tochi Campaign; third Khaza column left Sheranni, 1897.

26 W.

27 Th. Embarked by detachment at Liverpool for Dublin, 1835. Returned, Sialkot, from from Lahore, December, 1864.

28 F.

29 S. Embarked Liverpool for Dublin, 1835. Arrived Quebec from Halifax, 1835. Colonel F. W. Traill-Burroughs relinquished Command, 1873. Returned from Almora manœuvres, 1898.

30 S. William Macbean, Lieut.-Colonel, 1873.

31 M. Arrived Montreal from Quebec, 1838. Tochi Campaign; Sadda Khan, Chief of the Madda Khan Waziris, surrendered to General Corrie-Bird, Inzar Kuch, 1898.

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There was a young man o' Wanowrie,
Who looked very glum and sourie,
When sentenced one time,
To a ten shilling fine,
For *toasting* the lass o' Gowrie.

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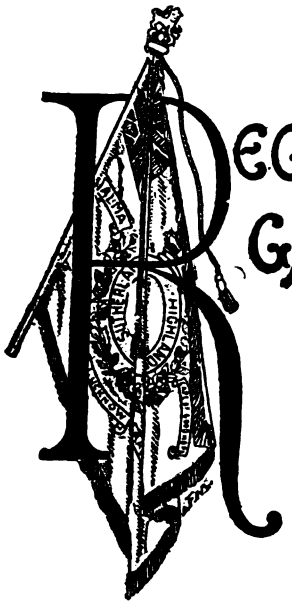

PROMOTIONS.

No. 3596 Sergeant A. Rankin, Unattached List, is promoted Sub-Conductor with effect from 21st May, 1904.

No. 3187 Sergeant F.W. H. Baldwin, Unattached List, is promoted Sub-Conductor with effect from 17th October, 1903.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of "D" Company :—

No. 3077 Cr. Sgt. C. Johnston, 12th August, 1904.

To be Pay Sergeant of Attached Section :—

No. 3394 Cr. Sgt. J.Durnan, 12th August, 1904.

To be School Assistant :—

No. 5853 Private J. Brown, "G" Coy., 23rd August, 1904

PAY OF RANK.

No. 7977 Lce. Cpl. A. Blackley, "H" Coy., is absorbed in the establishment of Lce. Corpls. from 25th July, 1904.

SERVICE PAY.

Granted or increased, Class I. at 7d.

"A" Company.

No. 6162	Pte.	J. McLaughlin	No. 4955	Pte.	D. Hunter
,, 6914	,,	B. Steadman	,, 6926	,,	J. Thomson
,, 5060	,,	J. Kelly	,, 5211	,,	D. Quinn
,, 6557	,,	J. Millar	,, 6564	,,	H. Jamieson

No. 6992 Pte. P. Moran.

"B" Company.

No. 5227 Pte. R. Hyslop | No. 5778 Pte. E. Blyth

No. 6959 Private J. Patterson.

"C" Company.

No. 5402 Pte. J. Watson | No. 4621 Pte. J. White

No. 5229 Private W. Saunders.

"D" Company.

No. 4770	Pte.	J. Collins	No. 5488	Pte.	A. Gillan
,, 6463	,,	J. McKenna	,, 6918	,,	J. McIntosh

"E" Company.

No. 6540 ,, J. McKenzie | No. 6878 Pte P. Scrymgeour

"F" Company.

No. 5995	Pte.	J. McGrory	No. 4436	Pte.	T. McMullen
,, 4820	,,	H. Montgomery	,, 4800	,,	W. Moran
,, 6179	,,	J. Davidson	,, 6055	Lce. Cpl.	G. Kay
,, 6605	,,	W. Kennedy	,, 5953	Pte.	G. Ingram
,, 6122	,,	W. Jack	,, 6980	,,	J. Grant

"G" Company

No. 4832	Pte.	P. Bradley	No. 5340	Pte.	M. W. Fogg
,, 6104	,,	J. McArthur	,, 5915	,,	A. McPherson
,, 4596	,,	C. Ryan	,, 6347	,,	H. Lee
,, 3654	,,	J. Marshall	,, 3654	,,	J. Marshall
,, 5938	,,	Thorne	,, 6879	Dr.	D. Clarke

"H" Company.

No. 4600 ,, A. Burke | No. 4754 Pte. Hawthorne

,, 6102 ,, J. White | ,, 6654 ,, C. Gray

Granted or increased, Class I., at 6d :—

"A" Company.

No. 7938 Private. T. Stewart.

"B" Company.

No. 7385 Pte. D. Clink | No, 7378 Pte. M. Laird

,, 7774 ,, M. Burns | ,, 7677 ,, D. Reid

No. 7074 Private W. Shirra.

"C" Company.

No. 7890 Pte. A. McInnes | No. 7077 Pte. J. Gardner.

"D" Company.

No. 7689 Pte. J. Clarke | No. 7814 Pte. J. McIntosh

No. 7687 Private A. Grady.

"E" Company.

No. 8336 Private J. Welsh.

"G" Company.

No. 6938	Pte.	W. Forson	No. 7484	Pte.	D. Ray.
,, 7635	,,	H. Bell	,, 7189	,,	T. Bryne
,, 8073	,,	W. Fleming	,, 8158	,,	A. Gerry
,, 8187	,,	J. Gilmour	,, 7730	,,	T. Lawson
,, 7037	,,	J. McFadden	,, 7402	,,	A. Patterson
,, 7557	,,	C. Stead	,, 6943	,,	D. Morrison

"H" Company.

No. 7567 Pte. A. Dicker | No. 4923 Pte. H. McTaggart

GOOD CONDUCT PAY AND BADGES.

Granted Three G. C. Badges :—

No. 4505 Private G. Barnes, "E" Coy.

No. 4430 Private W. Morrison, "F" Coy.

Granted Two G.C. Badges :—

"E" Company.

No. 6902 Private A. McLean.

"G" Company.

No. 4792 Pte. G. Cunningham | No. 7026 Pte. J. Gibbons

No. 4596 Private C. Ryans.

Granted One G.C. Badge:

"B" Company.

No. 8160 Private H. McRae.

"E" Company.

No. 6794 Private J. Osborne.

"F" Company.

No. 6834 Pte. J. Faichney. | No. 8818 Boy G. Grant.

,, 5939 ,, G. Ingram. | ,, 7001 Pte. T. Donohue.

"G" Company.

No. 8356 Private G. Anderson.

CERTIFICATES.

Awarded Third Class Education Certificate, dated Poona, 16th July, 1904.

No. 8042	Pte.	G. Cahill	No. 7505	Pte.	T. Cunnion
,, 8367	,,	R. McGill	,, 8078	,,	A. Campbell
,, 7911	,,	T. Reilly	,, 0311	,,	J. Lamie
,, 8121	,,	F. Knight	,, 7071	,,	J. Connelly
,, 9158	,,	R. Charles	,, 1041	,,	W. Weir
,, 7735	,,	J. Cullen	,, 4955	,,	D. Hunter

No. 8881 Private D. Hannah.

"B" Company.

No. 7996	Pte.	D. McDougall	No. 7844	Pte.	A. Kiddie
,, 5474	,,	J. Scott	,, 7791	,,	W. Aitken
,, 8149	,,	G. Hall	,, 6253	,,	B. McGibbon
,, 7500	,,	A. Ballantyne	,, 7381	,,	R. McFarlane

No. 5410 Private H. Bartholomew.

"C" Company.

No. 9123	Pte.	W. Martin	No. 7202	Pte.	D. Irvine
,, 7155	,,	D. Curran	,, 7983	,,	W. Duncan

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"D" Company.

No. 4879	Pte.	R. Baillie	No. 7336	Pte.	J. Ballantyne
,, 7421	,,	D. Hope	,, 6703	,,	W. Houston
,, 7959	,,	T. Edin	,, 7855	,,	P. Taylor
,, 6644	,,	J. McPhee	,, 6728	,,	W. Grant

No. 7771 Private. A. Sinclair.

"E" Company.

No. 7434	Pte.	F. Bunton	No. 5320	Pte.	J. Davis
,, 7479	,,	R. Henderson	,, 6809	,,	J. Morrison
,, 6878	,,	P. Scrymgeour	,, 7620	,,	M. Dawson

"F" Company.

No. 8005 Private J. Wright.

"H" Company.

No. 6521	Pte.	P. Beck	No. 5478	Pte.	J. Dailly
,, 7407	,,	W. Fyffe	,, 7722	,,	W. Dunsmore

Granted Certificates for Efficiency in Nursing, dated Poona, 15th August, 1904.

No. 7385	Private	D. Clink,	"B" Company.
,, 8064	,,	J. Brash,	"C" ,,
,, 7556	,,	D. McGilp,	"F" ,,
,, 7423	,,	J. Cowan,	"F" ,,
,, 6892	,,	T. Smith,	"F" ,,
,, 7755	,,	J. Miller,	"G" ,,

MUSKETRY.

Qualified as "Sergeant Instructors of Musketry" at the School of Musketry, Deolali, at examination held in June, 1904, (Authy. I.A.O. 520, dated 27-7-04.)

No. 3306 Cr. Sgt. A. Lockie, "E" Coy. } Distinguished.
,, 4644 ,, D. Ritchie, "G" Coy. }

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and men of "H" Company are entitled to Marksmen's Badges :—

No. 3006 Cr. Sgt J. Ewan (Best shot of Company)

No. 4983	Segt.	M. Rutherford.	No. 5346	Lce.-Cpl.	J. McLachlan
,, 5337	L.-Sgt.	J. Stewart	,, 7174	,,	W. McPherson
,, 5380	Cpl.	G. McLuckie	,, 6205	Pte.	J. McArthur
,, 6405	Pte.	T. Arthur	,, 4751	Lce.-Cpl.	A. Bowe
,, 5243	,,	R. Palmer	,, 7769	,,	D. Stirling
,, 5017	,,	J. Scott	,, 6453	Pte.	T. Craig.
,, 6005	,,	R. Wilson	,, 4393	,,	W. Livingstone.
,, 4838	,,	J. Halford	,, 6078	,,	T. Peacock
,, 4698	,,	J. McIntyre	,, 4784	,,	W. Strachan
,, 5726	,,	R. Sibbald	,, 7977	Lce.-Cpl.	A. Blackley.
,, 5931	,,	G. Wilson			
,, 6677	,,	G. McPherson			
,, 5490	Lce.-Segt.	S. Smith			

No. 8089 Lance Corporal J. Patterson.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

To complete eight years with the Colours :—

"A" Company.

No. 7149	Pte.	W. White	No. 6564	Pte.	W. Jamieson
,, 8132	,,	R. Wallace	,, 7909	,,	D. McAskil

No. 8062 Private T. McNeill.

"C" Company.

No. 7077	Pte.	J. Gardner	No. 7293	Pte.	J. Carlin
,, 6600	,,	J. Henderson	,, 6666	,,	D. Shields
,, 6555	,,	J. Smith	,, 6885	,,	J. Stevenson

No. 7467 Private J. McLuckie.

"D" Company.

No. 7852	Pte.	J. Muir	No. 7759	Pte.	D. Marshall

"F" Company.

No. 6179	Pte.	J. Davidson	No. 8087	Pte.	T. Cavanagh
,, 6605	,,	W. Kennedy	,, 5953	,,	G. Taylor
,, 6299	,,	A. Auchinvole	,, 6122	,,	W. Jack

No. 6053 Lce.-Cpl. G. Kay.

"G" Company.

No. 7189	Pte.	T. Bryne	No. 8073	Pte.	W. Fleming
,, 8158	,,	W. Gerry	,, 8187	,,	J. Gilmour
,, 7655	,,	H. Bell	,, 6880	,,	I. Glennie
,, 8163	,,	R. Lamb	,, 7730	,,	T. Lawson
,, 6347	,,	A. Lee	,, 4573	,,	G. Murphy
,, 7402	,,	A. Patterson	,, 7014	,,	J. Scott.
,, 7557	,,	C. Stead	,, 5938	,,	J. Thorne
,, 6943	,,	D. Morrison	,, 7037	,,	W. McFadden

"H" Company.

No. 6355	Pte.	G. Boyd	No. 7720	Pte.	J. Cassidy

TRANSFERS.

To Army Reserve in India :—

No. 6213 Lc. Cpl. A. Campbell, "E" Coy. 13th Aug., 1904.
,, 6189 Private J. McGregor, "G" Coy. 1st ,,
,, 6167 ,, N. Simpson, "H" Coy. 1st ,,

From Seaforth Highlanders :—

Private James Cowie taken on strenth, and posted to "D" Company, 1st September, 1904.

Invalids sailed for England in S.S. "Persia," 6th August, 1904.

No. 7830 Private W. Cook, "B" Company.

RESTORATION OF SERVICE.

In accordance with Para. 1842, King's Regulations.

No. 4743 Private T. Durick, "A"Company.

FURLOUGHS.

Schoolmaster H. Burnard, from 8th August to 14th August, 1904.
No. 4525 Pte. R. Scott, "F" Coy., from 15th August to 15th October, 1904.
No. 4784 Pte. W. Strachan, "H" Coy., from 30th August to 15th October, 1904.

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Domestic Occurrences

BIRTHS.

Balfour—at Poona, on the 19th July, 1904, the wife of Sergeant J. Balfour, "B" Company, of a son—William Thomas.

Johnstone—At Poona, on the 13th August, 1904, the wife of Colour-Sergeant C. Johnstsne, "D" Company, of a daughter—Jeannie Wilson.

DEATHS.

Burnard—At the Sassoon Hospital, Poona, on the 6th August, 1904, Catherine Margaret, wife of Schoolmaster Burnard, 93rd Highlanders.

Johnstone—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 16th August, 1904, Jane, wife of Colour-Sergeant C. Johnstone, "D" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

Ditcham—At Poona, on the 31st July, 1904, George Alfred, infant son of Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Ditcham, 93rd Highlanders.

Marshall—At Poona, on the 6th August, 1904, Evelyn, infant daughter of Private and Mrs. Marshall, "G" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

Rankin—At the Station Hospital, Poona, 19th August, 1904, No. 6628 Piper John Rankin, "E" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

McBride—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 13th August, 1904, No. 7159 Private D. McBride, "C" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

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SKIRLS

It was with deep regret that we received the news, on the 19th of September, of the death of Lieutenant Langton, which took place on that date in the Ramsay Hospital, Naini Tal. He left us on the 1st of August, intending to have three months' shooting in and beyond the Kumaon Hills. and the next news received was that he had been brought into Naini Tal suffering from enteric fever. A few days afterwards we were shocked to receive a telegram saying that he had succumbed to his illness.

Apparently he had been ill in his camp on the shores of Malwa Tal, about six miles from Bhim Tal, where he must have stopped to fish before proceeding to his shooting ground, and probably not knowing what was the matter had lain there alone for some ten days before letting any one know. The disease therefore had taken a firm hold before he could be brought under treatment, and consequently he was by that time in a very serious condition.

The funeral took place in Naini Tal on the following day, being conducted with Military Honours, and attended by most of the officers in the station. We take this opportunity of conveying to his bereaved father and brother the most sincere sympathy of all ranks of the Regiment, among whom, during the four years he was with us, he had become deservedly popular. Lieutenant Langton was 31 years of age at the time of his death, and is the only officer who has died in India on the strength of the Regiment since its arrival in the country in 1891.

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Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., "G" Company, having proceeded home on six months' leave, Lieutenant the Hon. R. Bruce took over command and pay of the company pending the return of Captain D. J. Glasfurd, who arrived during the month. Captain Glasfurd, whose return to his old Company we are glad to record, appears very fit and able after his second campaigning experience on the East African coast.

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The Regimental Football Team under Sergeant A. Wallace proceeded to Bombay with every prospect of bringing back the Rovers' Cup, but, as the record of the matches which appears on another page shows, it was only owing to their bad luck

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that they went under in the Semi-Final. However, we have every faith in their securing the Harris Cup, which will be played for in Poona during the forthcoming month.

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A party consisting of Sergeants Ballantyne, White, Rutherford, and one Lance Corporal and five men proceeded to Deolali Depot for duty during the trooping season.

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"D" Company having finished their Annual Musketry course, "G" Company under Captain Glasfurd, have commenced the completion of the course which was interrupted earlier in the season by the unsafe condition of Wanowrie Range.

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The best shot of "D" Company is Private J. Mowatt, with a score of 285 in Part I. The number of marksmen is 23 ; 1st Class Shots, 38 ; 2nd Class Shots, 27 ; and the company is in the satisfactory condition of having no third class shots.

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Before the epidemic season in Poona closed three more members of the Battalion passed away in the persons of Private Ross, Private Johnstone, and Private Dolan. Their mourners are assured of our deepest sympathy in their loss, and it is hoped this will conclude the already large death roll since the Battalion came to Poona.

There is also to be recorded the sad death by drowning of Private G. Kerr in the Sholapur Canal. It is conjectured that while bathing he became entangled in weeds and before assistance could be rendered he had succumbed.

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2nd Lieutenant Lord G. H. L. Dundas, Sergeants Gibb and Harvey and Corporal Gilmour have obtained Certificates of having passed a course of Transport Training; and we have also to congratulate Lance Corporal Armour on passing a course of Supply.

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On the 12th of the month the Cantonments were again opened to the troops after having been out of bounds for about five weeks ; and the news gave much satisfaction, as the confinement had proved rather irksome to the majority of the men.

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2nd Lieutenant Lord G. H. L. Dundas has been selected for training in the office of the Adjutant ; 2nd Lieutenant Falconar-Stewart in the office of the Quarter-Master, and 2nd Lieutenant H. B. Hartley in the Paymaster's office.

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In these days of rigid economy it is pleasing to note that a return has been called for of all men who have never been issued with toothbrushes, with a view to the deficiency being remedied. Perhaps the continued supply of teeth has proved too expensive, and it is hoped that an issue of toothbrushes may be more economical We trust that by the extensive use of so essential an article of cleanliness, the benefit should soon become apparent.

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The Richardson Football Cup, an account of the competition for which appeared in our last number, is a trophy well worth winning, and Sergeant Wallace and his men have the congratulations of the Battalion on their annexing it. A place of honour has been found for it in the Sergeants' Mess, and it is hoped it will remain there until the Battalion leaves the Command.

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The much talked of and long expected Assault-at-Arms has now come and gone. On the concluding day the Battalion furnished a Guard of Honour for His Excellency Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay. Lord Lamington, accompanied by Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Hunter and Major General Richardson, inspected the Guard prior to the commencement of the proceedings of the day.

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The monsoon weather has arrived at last and only in the nick of time, the heavy rainfall on the 10th preventing the crops in the district from being an utter failure. Since then we have had such a continuance of wet weather as to ensure a fairly good return from the ground, although not so good as if the rain had come at the expected time.

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Our photo supplement this month is a group of Pipers and Highland Dancers who competed at the Presidency Assault-at-Arms. The photographer is Mr. P. Metzker, Civil Lines, Poona.

At Aldershot recently a soldier was brought before his commanding officer for selling part of his kit, when the following dialogue took place :—

Colonel : "Now, Private Murphy, why did you sell your boots?"

Private Murphy : "I'd worn 'em two years, sor, and thought they were my own property."

Colonel : "Nothing of the sort, sir ! These boots belong to the King."

Private Murphy : "I'm sure I'm sorry, sor, but I did'nt know that His Majesty took twelves."

Collapse of colonel.

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Death of Lieutenant Langton.

Lieutenant Stephen Langton, as is briefly announced in another column, died at Naini Tal on the 19th September, from enteric fever contracted while on leave. He was the second son of B. R. Langton, Esq., of Langton Hall, Spilsby, Lincoln, and was born on the 30th November, 1872. Educated at Repton (where he played in the School Cricket XI.) and Cambridge University, he joined the Lincolnshire Militia, and passed thence into the Portsmouth Submarine Mining Company. On the 4th April, 1900, he was gazetted to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Posted to the 93rd, after doing duty with the details in Ireland, he joined us in Ranikhet in September of the same year. He early proved himself both a zealous and capable officer, in addition to which he proved on several occasions a useful member of the Regimental Cricket XI. As a shot he was quite in a class by himself above his brother officers—in fact he must have compared very favourably with the best amateur shots of the day. With the rifle too he was capable of holding his own among most people.

In 1901 he obtained a certicate of Signalling at Kasauli, but about this time he began to be troubled by his heart, and after a few months he obtained leave on Medical Certificate. When he rejoined early in 1903 he seemed to have been completely restored to health, and with the exception of a garrison class last cold weather he had been continuously at his duty until he obtained the three months shooting leave which has been terminated thus suddenly.

Posted to "H" Company on first appointment, he had been with them all through his service, and since Captain Tweedie went to the Depot nearly two years ago he had commanded the Company. It would be only stating a fact to say that he held their esteem as a just and impartial officer, and he never hesitated to sacrifice time or trouble for the benefit and welfare of his men.

For about a year Lieutenant Langton was the Editor of the "*Thin Red Line*," and during that time gave it an impetus which we have since striven to maintain.

The Russo Japanese War.

Not till 3 p.m. on September 4th did Generals Oku and Nodzu succeed in forcing the Russians to retreat from Liaoyang, after five days of fierce fighting. Kuroki's army and the 10th Division instead of being able to cut in on Kuropatkin's rear were themselves hardly pressed by superior forces until the 3rd, when after their capture of a position at Sy-kwan-tun on the Russian left, Kuropatkin was compelled to retire towards Mukden.

It is estimated that at Liaoyang Kuropatkin had 60,000 men and eighty guns, with which he held 95,000 Japanese with 200 guns in check, and that against Kuroki's force of 76,000 men with 170 guns he launched 120,000 men and 160 guns on September 1st. Oku had previously sent fifteen regiments to assist Nogi at Port Arthur. Had not General Orloff, in advancing against the Japanese from the Yentai mines, lost his way in the millet fields, which enabled Kuroki to seize a very strong position on the 2nd, the Japanese Right Army would have been in a tight place.

The losses on each side were about 5,000 killed and 15,000 wounded. General Kuropatkin says nothing was abandoned to the Japanese, and he burned eight days supplies for his whole army before leaving Liaoyang. The Japanese, however, say they captured 3,588 rifles, 1,638,000 rounds of ammunition, 10,000 shells, 1,269 ammunition carts, 310 tons of coal, 1,300 cases of petroleum, 18,000 cans of beef, 25,000 bushels of millet, 15,000 of rice, 1,180,000 of forage, and 5,000 of flour; also 13 prisoners. Seeing how difficult it is to burn up thoroughly with hastily improvised means, a large quantity of grain, it is quite possible that much of the Japanese capture was what Kuropatkin thought he had burned.

The Japanese were unable to push on, and remained for the rest of the month holding a line about seventy-five miles long, a few miles north of Liaoyang from the Hun River to Chien-chang-tai, only outpost affairs occurring.

A general attack by the Japanese on 19th and 20th resulted in the capture of some more fortifications on the North-East front of Port Arthur.

During July a Japanese filibuster, with a number of fisherman landed in Kamschatka, and appears to have more or less aunexed the territory, but the local Militia collected and drove them off, killing over twenty.

The new railway round the South side of Lake Baikal was opened to goods traffic on September 11, and this great undertaking, 157 miles long, will be of immense benefit to the Russians as they will no longer have to suffer all the delays caused by the journey water-borne or ice-borne across the Lake.

The Siberian railway draws the coal supply for the greater part of its system from the mines at Kaiping, Yentai, and Wushun or Fushun. The first have been for some in the possession of the Japanese, and they are so close to the second that they are of no use to the Russians, whilethe third, which is thirty-five miles East of Mukden, may at

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any moment fall into the hands of the enemy. Thus in addition to all other difficulties Kuropatkin will have to bring his coal from a long way West when present stocks are exhausted.

The Japanese are busy altering the guage of the railway up to Liaoyang to suit their own rolling stock brought from Japan, since they have not been able to capture sufficient from the Russians.

It is stated that the Vladivostok cruisers are completely repaired and fit for sea, but this is also strongly denied.

Two Japanese cruisers bombarded Korsakovsk in Saghalien on 7th, but apparently did not try to land.

On the 11th the Russian transport Lena arrived at San Francisco from Vladivostok, and, after some fencing with the American authorities as to how long she could remain for repairs, was obliged to dismantle.

The cruisers St. Petersburg and Smolensk having put into Port Said for coal, were allowed to take sufficient to carry them to Libau on the Baltic, and then sailed for home on the 26th. Another transformed cruiser, the Terek, which put in to Las Palmas in the Canary Islands, had her coaling operations stopped by the Spanish authorities at the request of the British Government, who also sent a cruiser there.

The Russians have ordered eleven torpedo boat destroyers from France to be delivered within fifteen months and is negotiating for four cruisers of the Bayan type.

Japan has ordered from America 7500 tons of best nickle steel plates for the new warships she is building. She has also altered her conscription laws whereby she gains an immediate increase of 200,000 trained men, and it will eventually bring her army up to one million strong As it is impossible for the Russians to maintain in Manchuria a force any where near as strong as that, this is a heavy blow for them.

On good authority it is stated that the North German Lloyd Steamship Company has obtained the contract for the coaling with Cardiff coal of the Baltic Fleet on its way out, and that large orders for war material have been placed in Germany by Russia. All this is by leave of the German Emperor, and is somewhat beyond the bounds of strict neutrality; but his Majesty's friendly feeling towards Russia is becoming daily more apparent, and has for some of its objects the destruction of Japan and damage to hated England. Some strange rumours have been going about that Russia, in despair of defeating the Japanese, and unable to face the humiliation of having to acknowledge herself beaten by them, is anxious to embroil herself with England, and would like to see the Baltic Fleet captured or knocked out by British Fleets. She would thus have an excuse for being beaten by saying she could not fight both Great Britain and Japan. But these rumours are too fantastic to be true.

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The Presidential Assault-at-Arms.

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The Presidential Assault-at-Arms took place early in September, and lasted from the 5th to the 10th.

To give an account of each event would take too long, so we will only write a few lines about the competitions in which the Regiment took part. The first morning opened with Gymnastics for Instructors, and those who were fortunate enough to be present at the Gymnasium witnessed some excellent work. Sergeant Alder secured the third prize and Lance-Corporal Montgomery came next to him, the latter was greatly handicapped owing to a damaged knee which prevented him from performing the last exercise on the horse with his usual ability.

In the non-Instructors Gymnastics, Private McNiff got second prize. Private Kelly was not working up to his usual form. In the Regimental competition he headed the list of non-Instructors, and we expected to see him well placed at the Assault-at-Arms

In the Bayonet v. Bayonet combat, Lance Corporal Montgomery worked his way to the semi-finals, and after a very even fight was defeated by one point. This ended the competitions for the first day.

On the second day Lance Corporal Montgomery, who has entered for all the Infantry competitions, was obliged to scratch owing to his knee. The Rules of the Assault-at-Arms only allow two men per Regiment to compete in each event, and Lance Corporal Montgomery had been selected as one of the men to represent us in the Infantry combats. This unfortunate accident therefore took away all his chances of success for the rest of the week.

Sergeant Alder went in for everything and twice deserved to get a place, but was defeated by one point in the semi-finals. We wish him better luck next year. Only three Regiments entered for the Physical Drill—the Seaforths, the East Lancashire Regiment, and ourselves, we being represented by "G" Company. It was obvious that all three teams had been well trained, and throughout the exercises very few mistakes were made. It was unanimously agreed by those present that "G" Company were the neatest workers and kept the best time, but the judges decided that from a Gymnastic point of view the Seaforths had gained most points, and as it was a Gymnastic display, the prize was given to "C" Company of the Seaforths.

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We congratulate Colour Sergeant Ritchie and the men of "G" Company on their excellent performance, which showed what a deal of time and trouble must have been spent in working up the drills.

The heavy weight Tug-of War team unfortunately met the Connaughts—who eventually won—in the first round, and after a very even pull which lasted about five minutes, we had to give in to the heavier team.

The Light-weight team, which had been very well trained by Corporal Markey, met with better success. In the first round they walked away with the Seaforths, in the second they pulled over the Royal Scots, and in the third and final round, after a hard struggle lasting about ten minutes, the Connnaghts had to give in to our better trained team.

This year a new item was introduced into the programme—Pipe playing and dancing open to British troops in India. This is almost the first time that Highland Regiments have had a chance of competing openly against one another in India, and now that—thanks to the efforts of our Commanding Officer—this institution has been started, it is hoped there will be a competition held each year in one of the commands. A full account of the piping and dancing appears in another column.

We must not forget to congratulate the Mounted Infantry section who won the second prize in the M.I. competition. This competition was held in the early morning, and we were therefore unable to witness it, or to give an account, but we hear, on the very best authority, that the margin of difference between the first and second was very small. Now that we have had the experience of the Presidential Assault-at-Arms once, another year we should be more fortunate. This time we were handicapped by having no dummy rifles for bayonet practice, there being no less than five competitions for this weapon. Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery was also a great loss.

Another thing we shall have to remember is that the Physical Drill is not what it used to be. The dress must now be mufti—with the exception of the instructor, who is in drill order. As much noise as possible must be made with the rifles when bringing them into the chest, and when placing the butts on the ground, and as long as the Triceps, Deltoid, Trapezious, and Latissimus Dorsi muscles are being worked, time and style are of little consequence.

The Piping and Dancing.

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Bombay Presidential Assault-at-Arms.

(By one of the Judges.)

There can be no question as to the success of the All-India Competition in piping and dancing held on the last two days of the Poona Assault-at-Arms, for, although only four regiments were represented, the number of the competitors and the keenness with which every event was contested must have amply compensated the organisers of the meeting for the trouble which such an undertaking necessarily involves.

The chief feature of the piping competitions was the almost exclusive success of three Pipe-Majors, but this need have been so had not the younger pipers persisted in attempting tunes which were far beyond the limit of their capacity. This was especially noticeable in the Strathspey and Reel competition, where time after time competitors came to grief over tunes which can only be mastered after months or even years of practice. In this respect it is to be hoped that the experience of the present competition will furnish a lesson for the future. The best playing was no doubt heard in the marches, but the piobaireachd competition was certainly the most remarkable from the fact that the number of entrances probably constituted a record for India. It would be idle to pretend that the average of excellence was very high, nor could this be fairly expected from regiments on a long term of foreign service, but it is decidedly encouraging to the lover of Highland music to find three regiments supplying fifteen men to compete for a piobaireachd prize, as did the Royal Scots, The Seaforth Highlanders, and the 93rd. Pipe-Major Lynch of the 93rd was undoubtedly the best piobaireachd player entered, and it was disappointing to see him disqualified for a mistake which was evidently due solely to nervousness.

The dancing was excellent throughout. Twelve entered for the Gille Callum, and sixteen for the Highland Fling. The Black Watch, who possess an exceptionally fine dancer in Sergeant Love, secured five out of six prizes in these two events. They were also hot favourites for the Inter-Regimental Reel team competition, and would probably have won, had they not spoilt their chances by dancing the Reel of Tulloch out of time, following the example of the Royal Scots. The prize went eventully to the 93rd, who in addition to breaking correctly into the Reel of Tulloch, were the only team which started in the proper position.

Perhaps the sole criticism permissible upon the dancing as a whole is that several of the competi-

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tors, more especially those belonging to the two regiments which were represented in the prize list, were a little too "wide" both in the Fling and the Reels, a fault which is far too common among modern dancers, and which tends to impart to the Highland dancing of to-day a character altogether foreign to its essential nature.

Appended is a list of the Prize-winners.

Piobaireachd.

1st	Pipe-Major MacDougall	- -	Black Watch.
2nd	„ „ Taylor	- - - -	Seaforths.
3rd	„ „ Duff	- - - - -	Royal Scots.

Marches.

1st	Pipe-Major MacDougall	- -	Black Watch.
2nd	„ „ Lce. Cpl. Duncan		Royal Scots.
3rd	„ „ Pipe-Major Duff		„ „

Strathspeys and Reels.

1st	Pipe-Major Duff	- - - -	Royal Scots.
2nd	„ „ MacDougall	- -	Black Watch.
3rd	„ „ Taylor	- - - -	Seaforths.

Gille Callum.

1st	Sergeant Love	- - - - -	Black Watch.
2nd	Lce. Cpl. Sim	- - - - -	„ „
3rd	Private Mulholland	- - -	„ „

Highland Fling.

1st	Pipe-Major Lynch	- - - -	Ninety-Third.
2nd	Sergeant Love	- - - - -	Black Watch.
3rd	Private Mulholland	- - -	„ „

Reels.

Ninety Third Highlanders.

Pipe-Major Lynch, Sergeant McCallum, Lance-Corporal Cridland, Piper Taylor.

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THE DIFFERENCE.

Perhaps somebody may doubt the right of "Buffallo Bill" to the title of Colonel. If so the records of the United States Army will show that for years he has served on the staff of each successive Governor of Nebraska as an aide, with the rank of Colonel. Furthermore he has a commission as Brigadier-General of the National Guard of the State. A few years ago, when there was more or less ghost-dancing on the part of the aborigines, the Nebraska militia was mobilized, and Bill took the field resplendent in uniform. He relates that while in camp on the western border of the State one day a friendly Indian chief dropped in to pay his respects. After gazing in awe upon the bedizened ex-scout he said: "You big Ginral now, too, Bill?"

"Yes," said William, drawing himself up to his dress parade height, "I'm a General now."

"Big Ginral, same Miles, Terry, Crook?" inquired the admiring sachem.

"No. I am General of the National Guard," meekly responded William.

"M'lishe! Oh, hell!" exclaimed the warrior, turning his back in disgust and striding out of the tent.

A Soldierly Retort.

For it's Tommy this, and Tommy that,
And Tommy go away!
But it's thank you *Mister Atkins*
When the band begins to play.

The Alameida, Gibraltar, situated midway between Europa Point and the North Front, is a large space covered with a dense foliage of tropical plants, such as gigantic cacti, rhododendrons, Cape geraniums, etc., from which, here and there, pierce upward the graceful palm, whose feathery fronds swaying gently on the breeze, make obeisance to the fragrant orange and pimento trees beneath.

Art has further assisted Nature by constructing gravelled paths, laying out ornamental flower-beds bedecked with rare blossoms, and erecting fountains whose music lulls the siesta-loving "Scorpion" away to the land of dreams.

At the southern end of this little paradise is a band kiosk, wherein one of the military bands nightly discourses sweet music to an admiring throng of all nations.

Here, Gibralter's fairest and bravest "Scorpions" promenade cheek by jowl with dusky Moors, swaggering Tommies, and rollicking Jack Tars. The Spanish Cavalier does not object to the company of slippered and gaberdined Jews, or Moorish egg-sellers, but he certainly has a strong aversion to the cleanly Tommy Atkins.

This objection once grew so strong that a meeting of grandees was held, and a petition forwarded to the Governor, requesting him to issue an order prohibiting soldiers in uniform from using the Alameida from 7-30 to 10 P.M.

Now the Governor was none other than that grand old warrior, Lord Napier of Magdala, famous for his "fortiter in re;" but in answering the above petition displayed such wonderful "suaviter in modo" that it sent the gallant "Scorpions" into the seventh heaven of delight when the reply was handed round.

His Excellency, accordingly, issued a Garrison Order as follows:—"Bounds.—The Alameida Gardens are placed out of bounds to all soldiers of the garrison in uniform, from 7-30 to 10 each evening except Sunday."

On the following Monday night, three or four thousand natives and their Oriental friends assembled to listen to the band or to discuss the latest scandal. At 7-35 it was grumblingly remarked that the 117th never arrived at the proper time, and that the Governor ought to be informed of it. As the hour wore on, and no band put in an appearance, the murmuring grew louder until a "contractor" waylaid a bandsman near the Ragged Staff, and elicited the unpleasant information that the band would not be there that evening.

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Three nights passed, and still no band; accordingly a meeting was called, whereupon it was decided to interview the Governor.

A deputation thereupon waited upon his Excellency, and, on being ushered into his presence, the following colloquy took place :—

"If it please your Excellency, we have called about our petition referring to the prohibition of soldiers using the Alameida."

"Why, gentlemen, I have already granted your request!"

"Yes, your Excellency, but not in the manner we desired; we did not intend it to apply to the bands."

"Well as Her Majesty's uniform appeared obnoxious to you, and with a view of securing you from further annoyance, I made the order apply to all soldiers in uniform."

"Oh, most excellent sir! please let all the garrison promenade; only give us back the band, and we will ever pray" etc.

Needless to add, his Excellency was never troubled with any more requests of a similar nature.

Marriage of Quartermaster-Sergeant Weller.

"St. Andrews," Poona, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Thursday, 29th September, when Quartermaster-Sergeant W. R. Weller, Ninety-Third Highlanders, was married to Miss Annie Elizabeth Beck, the daughter of a warrant officer well-known in the Ninety-Third Sergeants' Mess when the regiment was in the Punjab. A large number of friends from the Ninety-Third and East Lancashire Regiment were present in the church to witness the ceremony, and the bright costumes of the ladies together with the uniforms of the military representatives present, contrived to give a gay appearance to the little church for the occasion. The bridegroom, who was first to arrive, was accompanied by Sergeant Sutherland as best man. The bride, who looked charming in her marriage dress, arrived shortly afterwards, escorted by her uncle, who gave her away. The Reverend Alan Cant, Chaplain 93rd Highlanders, performed the marriage ceremony.

A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's aunt at Ghorpuri which was well attended. The usual ceremony of the bride cutting the wedding cake with the bridegroom's sword was performed in a particularly able manner, after which cake and wine was dispensed to the guests. The presents to the bride and bridegroom, which were numerous and costly, were on view and were greatly admired. The happy couple left during the afternoon to spend their honeymoon in Bombay.

The Jubilee of a Great Victory.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE ALMA.

The 20th of September brings round the 50th anniversary of the battle of the Alma. Scotchmen should take more than a passing interest in the story of the Highland Brigade, and its advance in that victorious echelon up the heights of the Alma, and of Sir Colin Campbell, the old Brigadier who led them on to victory against the flower of the Russian Army. History tells the important services which the 42d Royal Highlanders, the 79th Cameron and the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders rendered ungrudgingly to Queen and country. Not a few officers and men are still hale and hearty who can remember with what enthusiasm the Highland Brigade, on that September morning in 1854, heard from their brave commander a few soldierly words :—

"Now, men," said Sir Colin, "you are going into action. Remember this: whoever is wounded —no matter what his rank—must lie where he falls till the bandsmen come to attend him. No soldiers must go carrying off wounded comrades. If any man does such a thing his name shall be stuck up in his parish church. The army will be watching you; make me proud of the Highland Brigade!"

The soldiers of that period took the field in heavy marching order, which meant that the Highland regiments wore red coats and feather bonnets with the old square knapsack and field kit, including great coat and blanket. Over and above, every man had three day's rations and 60 rounds of ammunition. The night of the 19th of September was wet and comfortless, and the whole army bivouacked within the range of the Russian batteries. The morning of the 20th brought sunshine, and at an early hour the several divisions were marching with colours unfurled to their various positions. Sir Colin, with the Highlanders, was posted on the left of the whole army, and formed part of the 1st Division under the Duke of Cambridge. Early in the forenoon the Russian batteries opened fire. While the Highland regiments neared the river Alma they were in the fire zone, but somewhat protected by the villages, orchards, and gardens through which they marched. The banks of the river Alma were steep, and in some parts the soldiers were waist deep and fording. Ere the Highland Brigade formed up on the opposite side of the river the leading divisions were being assailed by a furious musketry fire from strong battalions of the enemy, who could be seen moving along the slopes, while away on the higher ground columns of men were massed ready to assail at any point.

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Once across the river the Highland regiments assumed the line formation. The 42nd, senior regiment, led the way, followed by the 93rd and 79th. Sir Colin and his staff had gone to the rising ground to view the position The regiments of the light division, with their supports, were seen marching straight for the Russian batteries, and soon a hand-to-hand struggle began. The British reached the guns, but were soon borne back by the force of numbers. The Russian gunners were pouring a heavy but ill-directed fire into the ranks of the Guards. It was then that the keen eye of the old warrior took in the situation. Riding in front of the Black Watch, he gave the command "Forward, Forty-second." The green tartan and waving plumes were swiftly following their leader. When the regiment reached the crest of the hill there was seen in their immediate front a broad, deep depression. On the further side were two Russian battalions, and on their left another in the act of re-forming. Having been driven back by the Guards' brigade, both columns of the enemy had suffered, but still numbered some 3000 bayonets. The 42nd were still advancing steadily against this column, when the old chief became aware of the fact that another column was moving towards the left flank. He halted the regiment, and, glancing over his shoulder he saw his centre regiment, the 93rd, ascend to the top of the hill and advance with eagerness. Sir Colin rode to the front of the line, and re-forming it under fire led it forward against the Russian battalions, while the 42nd opened fire and resumed its advance. The two regiments had not gone far when the enemy was seen to waver, and seemed about to retire, when a strong column of reinforcements came to their aid. This new column headed straight for the flank of the 93rd. At that instant the 79th Cameron Highlanders came bounding forward, and after a moment's halt sprang at the flank of the Russian column. Their musketry fire soon changed the aspect of the conflict. The Highland Brigade steadily reached the heights, from which they kept up a galling fire into the ranks of the retreating army. As Sir Colin and his staff reached the plateau the men began to cheer, until the hillsides resounded again and again. Sir Colin told the brigade he meant to ask a favour from the Commander-in-Chief. When Lord Raglan rode up he shook the old brigadier by the hand, whereupon Sir Colin asked permission to wear the feather bonnet, and the request was granted. A brigade parade was ordered for the 22nd, and on that morning the regiments were formed into square on the battle-field, and Sir Colin rode up to the men wearing the feather bonnet. He thanked officers and men for their discipline on the 20th. All ranks then greeted him with cheer after cheer.

Men of other regiments were startled to know what was wrong with the Highlanders. On leaving the Crimea their old chief addressed the men of the three regiments, and used the following prophetic words:—"Our native land will never forget the name of the Highland Brigade, and that nation will call for another one to equal it, but which it never can surpass."—*Glasgow Evening Times.*

In Barracks.

Pass word for the month—"Whit boat are ye getting?"

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That "experience teaches fools" is an old, old saw, in fact it is of such hoary antiquity that it seems sacrilege to doubt its truth. However there really are some individuals whom no amount of experience would teach anything to. Take the company funny man for instance. He thinks it a great joke on route-marching or manœuvre parades to persist in walking on the heels of the man in front of him. Even a gentle smack with the butt end of a rifle fails to cure him of his funny little games. A gentleman of this type was amusing himself other day by poking the muzzle of his rifle, which he carried in his oxter, into the back of the man in front of him, when the latter individual, a mild looking youngster of the last draft, turned round and with a withering look of scorn at his tormentor, said "Whit are ye digging for, dae ye tak me for a *hidden* treasure?"

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John was a bold faced youth accused of assaulting a garrison policeman in the execution of his office. He protested to the C.O. that he had only knocked the policeman's helmet into the gutter, and would probably have got off with a light punishment had not the policeman, on being called in again, explained to the Commanding Officer, that his—the policeman's, head—happened to be inside the helmet at the time.

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Very funny in itself is the letter, written some time ago to a Montreal bicycle firm by a customer. But why, in view of its postscript, the sender ever sent it—that is funnier still.

"Dear Sir,—i recuv de bicykel witch i by from you alrite but for wy you don't send me no saddel wat is de use of the bicykel when she dont have no saddel i am loose to me a customer shure thing by no having de saddel and dats not very pleasure for me. wat is de matter wit you mister S——an companee is not my moneys so good like anoder mans you loose to my trade an i am very anger for dat an now i am tells you dat you d—d fools and

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no good mister F J S——and companee i send you back at waunce your bicykel to morrow bekause you are such d—d foolishness peoples.

"Yours Respeckfullee,——

"P S—Since I rite dis letter i find de saddel in de box; excuse to me."

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THE LAY OF THE T.X. MAN.

Take away my rug and blanket,
Take my straps and rifle too,
For I'm going home to "Blighty"
Sure you envy me, don't you?

Twelve long years I've soldiered under
'Neath the burning Indian sun,
Now I'm oft to board the lugger
For my soldiering days are done.

Say good bye to all my comrades,
Give to them these rupees bright;
Tell them I am on the "tack" now,
No more canteen beer at night.

When I'm working hard in Scotland
Toiling for my daily bread,
I will often think, dear comrades,
Of you slaving here—in bed.

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Readers are kindly requested not to place too much faith in the following "narratives" as Poona is not yet fitted with wireless telegraphy and everything has to be taken *cum grano salis*:—

Monday—All trained officers and non-commissioned officers will proceed home at once to officiate as instructors to the new territorial army.

Tuesday—All militia, and volunteer officers and non-commissioned officers, in possession of war game certificates will at once proceed to India to inaugurate the new scheme of Frontier Defence.

Wednesday—All Highland Regiments are being issued with Kilmarnock bonnets, and being paid sixpence a day extra—if they have big brosey faces to match the new head gear.

Thursday—The liquor bar will in future be worked on Free Trade principles. This does not necessarily imply *free beer*.

Friday—The P R.I. is negotiating for a large supply of soap—in view of the near approach of the manœuvre season it is presumed.

Saturday—The company storemen are all retiring on retired pay—we hear they have been warned for washhouse fatigue.

Sunday—Number "three hundred and thirty-five" in the new book.

ODDS AN ENS.

A newly joined member of a certain Scottish Volunteer corps the other day was endeavouring to lessen the rigours of a sentry-go by smoking a pipe, when a Sergeant came suddenly upon him. "How dare you smoke on duty?" he demanded wrathfully; "do you know what would happen to you if this were real war?" "Dinna fash yerself, my mannie," replied the recruit blandly; "ye ken as well as I do that if this wur regular war neither you or I would be here."

Football.

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The Rovers Tournament at Bombay.

Throughout the month of August the number of aspirants to Regimental football honours was most noticeable, quite eighteen to twenty players being seen morning and evening hard at work preparing for the Bombay Rovers Football Tournament, which was billed to take place on the 8th September. The choice of the eleven who were to be honoured by representing the Regiment in the tournament, must have been made by a canny Scot, since grumbles everywhere could be heard as to who were to be the eleven, and again who were going to Bombay as reserves, and it was only at the last hour that the names of the players were disclosed. The most noticeable feature was quite a new departure from former years—no reserve men to accompany the team. Quite naturally expectants grumbled at their bad luck, but from what we know of football teams and players generally, it was a move in the right direction

The following was the team selected to do battle for the Battalion, and for once, we fancy, not one single position on the field could be improved on:—

Goal
Mullen,

Wallace (Captain.) Reid (C Coy.)
McLean. Lapsley. Mowatt.
Pollock. Fleming. Quinn. Maclay. Hogg.

The team left Poona for Bombay on the night of the 6th September, under the charge of Sergeant Wallace, no officer accompanying them owing to excessive duty at Poona.

On the 7th September the drawings for the Cup were announced, and once more we found ourselves pitted against our neighbours the East Lancashire Regiment in the second round of the Cup—both teams drawing a bye in the 1st round.

The utmost satisfaction was felt in the Battalion on receipt of the news, more so as rumour reported our victory in the Richardson Cup final as being of the lucky order, and we all wished that the "Rories" this time would do their best to "mak siccar" and make a substantial win of it.

Quite a stir in the regiment was caused through a wire being received asking for Ballantyne to be sent down at once as Reid, our left back, had been injured at training and was in hospital. All sorts of reports and suggestions were made, as to the nature of the injury, and gloomy foreboding seized quite a number at this early bad luck. But the man at the wheel in Bombay evidently knew whom he was sending for, the reserve man surpassing all expectations in his play, as was afterwards proved.

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It was a disappointment to one, who had often seen thousands witnessing football matches in Calcutta, to glance around the enclosure of the Cooperage the night of our first game v. the East Lancashire Regiment, to see such a poor crowd. Lining up promptly to time, the Ninety-Third as usual losing the toss, the Lancashires at once took up the attack, reaching Mullen in no time, only to be sent back again to defend their own goal—Carefoot having the ball shot right into his arms. Throwing well out, the Lancashires at once fastened on, and running the whole length of the field shot hard for goal. Mullen failing to stop a rather difficult one, our opponents stood one up. Very fast give and take play now followed, neither side having the advantage, the half backs and backs of both teams standing out prominently. The Lancashire forwards were playing the most paying game at this period, long low passing being the order, which assisted them greatly in working their way up the field, only to have the ball returned hard by Ballantyne, who was doing himself credit. Getting possession of the ball our forwards at once made off for the other end, where a keen struggle took place near the goal. The ball breaking out was picked up by Pollock who shot hard and fast and scored the equalising goal of the match. On resumption, the pace became doubly fast, our opponents trying their hardest to break through our defence, who just now were having a busy time of it. Quinn at this period was limping, having receiving rather a nasty knock on the leg, which interfered greatly with his play. Occasional outbursts of temper were displayed by both sides on breaking away. Our forwards had a grand run down, and the ball dropping at the foot of Maclay, this player let go and made no mistake about it, but some infringement took place and the goal was disallowed. After this, play was of a very fast nature, the ball unceasingly travelling from end to end, and our opponents showed signs of tiring. But try as we might we could gain no advantage, and the whistle sounding time up ended one of the hardest fought games of the tournament in a very even draw of one goal all.

REPLAY.

On the morning of the 16th the team turned out at 6 a.m. minus Quinn, who was injured the previous night, a rearrangement being necessary, Mowatt going inside left, Maclay filling the centre position, and Benson the trainer stripping and filling the half back position. It was rather a big risk to run, but time would not allow of a reserve man being brought down, and it says much for the team at the confident view they took of the replay, although risking so much.

At 6.20 a start was made on rather a soft ground, it having rained slightly prior to the commencement of the game. From the Bandstand end we kicked off, and at once set to work, a most noticeable feature of the game being the determined and business like manner of the Ninety-Third team on the field. Gathering round our opponents' goal, the game was only about eight minutes old, when Pollock notched our first goal. This reverse seemed to wake our opponents up, who now did their utmost to draw level, but the half-backs were "all there," and seldom allowed them to break through. Our forwards were playing well together, and making headway. Maclay tried a long shot and with success too, scoring goal number two. Temper again crept into the game, but the "Rories" kept cool, and played the paying game with the result that a third goal was scored, this time again from the foot of Pollock. Our opponents now took up the running, and occasionally gave backs and goal keeper an anxious time, hovering near our goal. They at last had their reward, scoring from a melee in front of goal, a few seconds before half time was announced. Changing ends the Lancashires attacked vigorously for a few minutes, but the "Rories" gradually wore them down, and almost the whole of this half of the game play was confined to our opponents' territory; once or twice only they broke away and got through, giving Mullen something to do to clear his lines. From this to the close the Ninety-Third assumed the aggresive, and only dilly-dallying in front of goal kept them from further scoring. Our opponents now appeared to be tired out, spasmodic runs and long kicking being the game they indulged in, whilst the "Rories" were full of running, and only that *deadly* fault of individual effort, robbed them of at least one or more goals. The game was becoming monotonous, and one felt relieved when the whistle sounded time, leaving us winners of the game by three goals to one, and destined to meet the Royal Scots in the third round.

Royal Scots versus Ninety-Third Highlanders.

On Thursday the 20th this game was played, both teams turning out prompt to time. Great uncertainty hung over the issue, our opponents being an unknown quantity, to us at any rate.

Kicking off, it was early apparent that a good rousing game was the order, and in this there was no mistake. Rushing us for all they were worth the "Royals" kept us pretty well pegged down to our own territory for the first ten minutes. Gradually our half backs returned the pressure, and the forwards worked the ball very nicely up the field, only to be driven back again without reward. Mclean was playing a sterling game, and driving the ball well up the field, it dropped at the foot of the "Royals" left back, who made a huge push at it, but missed, and Fleming lying close up, nipped in and scored our first goal from about ten yards out, the goal keeper getting no chance

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to save. Stung by this reverse, the Royals made tracks for our end, and by good hard bustling football made us strive very hard indeed to avert disaster, Mullen at this period doing prodigious service. Returning the pressure, our men tried to make headway, but could not, the defence of the Scots, like ours, being superb, and it was really a battle between half-backs and forwards on both sides, the half-backs invariably coming out on top. Confining their efforts to long ineffective shooting for goal, our opponents kept us well in hand, until half time was sounded. Changing over, the "Rories" at once assumed the aggressive, only to be driven back. The Royals were trying hard and no mistake, very pretty long passing being the method adopted, but our backs and goal keeper could not be beaten. Our forwards at last seemed to realise that they also had a part in the game, and came away beautifully, Quinn in particular showing up, and manœuvreing in the vicinity of our opponents' goal, at last got his head on it and scored a pretty goal. From this onwards, our team had the game well in hand, the Royals seldom getting a chance to be dangerous, and the whistle sounded with the "Rories" hovering around their opponents goal. Result 2—0. We were certainly lucky in keeping our opponents from scoring during the first twenty minutes of the game, but after the interval our team showed their superiority in a very marked degree, and we thus entered the Semi-final, our opponents being the Cheshire Regiment, who two years ago in this tournament beat us by 1- 0 in the same round.

Cheshire Regiment versus Ninety-Third.

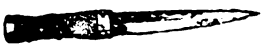
This the first of the two Semi-finals was played on Friday the 23rd September, and public opinion was rather chary in spotting the winner.

Lining up prompt to time, the ball was set rolling and immediately taken up by our opponents, but to no advantage, as our half backs were quite prepared, and for the first quarter of an hour the game was of an up and down nature, no material advantage being gained by either side, though some excellent touches of the game were witnessed. The Cheshires then broke away, and rushing along forced a corner. The Ninety-Third clearing well made tracks for the other end, forcing the backs to kick out. Picking up the ball from the throw, the "Rories" were well set, when a foul against them pulled them up. The free kick assisted our opponents to make headway, the result being a corner, which was well cleared by Ballantyne, and Hogg made off, but did not progress far, the halves and backs doing their work well. A smart run up for the Ninety-Third and a corner, which our opponents had great difficulty in clearing, was conceded, the ball dancing about in tantalizing proximity for some time. Finally the backs cleared well and the entire front line of the Cheshires made for our end. James, the outside right of the Cheshires, laying handy picked up a neat pass—centred the ball beautifully, the ball striking the left upright and instead of rebounding into play, as everyone expected, turned right into the net, giving our keeper no chance to save, very hard luck on the Ninety-Third after the brilliant exhibition of the game they had been giving. Up and down play now followed, until the "Rories" breaking away, made the backs concede a corner, which proved fruitless. The play now ranged in midfield, neither side getting the advantage, and half time still found them there with the Cheshire's leading by one goal.

The opening of the second half found the Ninety-Third leading the attack, running well up, only to have their chance spoilt by having a free kick granted, which was kicked over the line.

Brought into play again the "Rories" persistently pressed and gained a corner—Pollock placed beautifully, and "Oh Quinn!" was the cry, as he sent it sailing over the cross bar. Fast and accurate play was now the order, the Cheshires doing the pressing. Wallace mis-kicked—the ball rose and turned into goal, but Mullen was there and averted defeat. For quite five minutes did our opponents keep us busy defending, but at last the forwards relieved and Quinn getting a run up the field, forced a corner, which proved futile. Time was drawing near and still we were a goal down. Down the field again came the Cheshires in a body, James passed neatly to Geoffrey, who just failed by heading over the bar. Four minutes to go and not level. The "Rories" were now trying their hardest to get the equalising goal, and faced a most stubborn defence. Still they hung around our opponents' goal, but score they could not. One minute to go still found the Ninety-Third fighting under our opponents' bar, but it was not to be and the whistle sounded leaving us beaten by the narrow margin of one goal to nil. It is no discredit to the "Rories" to have to acknowledge defeat again in the Semi-final. There is no denying the fact that whatever luck was going the Cheshires got it, and on the night's play not the slightest margin existed between the teams, and of all who witnessed the struggle, we feel sure that there is not one but could say that Jock was equally as good as his master.

A word of praise is due to every individual member of the eleven. They were certainly a team of "triers" and not one man but what tried his hardest to sustain the prestige of the corps, off the field of play as well as on it.



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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

A smoking concert was held in the Sergeants' Mess on 9th September to celebrate the good fellowship which existed between the Ninety-Third Sergeants and their guests of the 10th Hussars, Seaforths, Black Watch, Royal Scots, R.F.A., R.H.A., and the several other corps who sent representatives to Poona for the Presidency Assault-at-Arms.

The 10th Hussars, who predominated amongst our guests, made themselves especially popular, and we feel sure that it will be long ere the good feeling engendered by their visit is forgotten. Sergeant Traill, "a brither Scot," of the Royal Horse Artillery must not be forgotten either. His genial presence somehow seemed to put new life into one, and it is no exaggeration to say that his popularity in the Ninety-Third Sergeants' Mess exceeded anything we have ever met with before.

The concert was a distinct success, and as most of our guests were able to sing a good song a most enjoyable evening was the result. Squadron-Sergeant Major Black, 10th Hussars, gave us all the latest songs in his unequalled style, and right manfully was he backed up by the other members of his gallant corps. Sergeant Traill shone in recitation, and his rendering of Tam-o'-Shanter was the best we have heard for many years. The toast of "our guests" was proposed by Sergeant Major Ditcham in a neat little speech, and was ably replied to by Squadron-Sergeant-Major Cox of the 10th Hussars. Needless to say the toasts were drunk with full Highland Honours. The programme of the entertainment has unfortunately been mislaid, for which carelessness the representative of the "Thin Red Line" begs to apologise.

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Shooting Club Notes.

The programme for September was of the usual varied character, framed to enable all classes to improve their musketry, and in addition the popular "pool" target was added whenever possible. A certain falling off, however, in the interest taken by the N.C.O.s and men of the Battalion, is noticeable, and this is much to be regetted, in view of the excellent practice to be obtained and the many competitions open to the Battalion at the forthcoming Poona Meeting.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER.

Practice at 800 yards, 1st Class Target. Regulation sights.

The prize winners were as follows :—

		Score.	Prize.
Lce. Corpl. Grey,	"H" Company.	21	Rs. 8 0 0
Corporal McLuckie,	"H" ,, ..	19	,, 6 0 0
Private Durick,	"A" ,, ..	19	,, 6 0 0
,, Potter	"D" ,, ..	19	,, 6 0 0

Pool Target—800 yards.

Sergeant Stobie		Rs.	8 0 0
Lce. Corpl. Munro		,,	6 0 0
,, Gray		,,	2 0 0
Private Rastall		,,	2 0 0
,, Halford		,,	2 0 0

THURSDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER.

Practice for Inter-Company Match at 800 yards and 600 yards.

Teams of 12 men from each Company entered, and were allowed 20 rounds per rifle for both distances. The results were disappointing, chiefly owing to the bad light and strong right wind blowing. "B" Company proved to be the highest scorers with 145 points, but after more practice, we are confident the Ninety-Third will take a high place in the competition proper.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER.

Competition, seven rounds at 500 yards, five to count.

Classified according to the Annual Course of Musketry. The Prize winners were as follows :—

Marksmen and 1st Class Shots.

			Score.	Prize.
Private Wilson,	"A"	Company	20	Rs. 10 0 0
Lce. Cpl. Kirkland,	"G"	,, ...	19	,, 7 0 0
Private Hawthorne,	"H"	,, ...	19	,, 7 0 0
,, Malcolm,	"F"	,, ...	18	,, 6 0 0
,, Turnbull,	"H"	, ...	18	,, 6 0 0
Lce. Cpl. Gray,	"H"	,, ...	17	,, 3 8 0
,, Munro,	"A"	,, ...	17	,, 3 8 0
Private Durick,	"A"	,, ...	17	,, 3 8 0
,, Clarkson,	"E"	,, ...	17	,, 3 8 0

2nd Class Shots.

Corporal Silcock,	"G"	Company	17	,, 7 0 0
,, Murdoch,	"C"	,, .	17	,, 7 0 0
Lce. Cpl. McDermott,	"C"	,, ...	16	,, 5 0 0
Private Moore,	"F"	,, ...	15	,, 4 0 0
,, Bunton,	"E"	,, ...	15	,, 4 0 0
,, McIlwraith,	"A"	,, ...	14	,, 3 0 0

3rd Class Shots and Recruits.

Drummer McLean,	"A"	Company	16	,, 6 0 0
Private Sheridan,	"A"	,, ...	16	,, 6 0 0
,, Morrison,	"A"	,, ...	14	,, 3 0 0
,, Dunne,	"C"	,, ..	14	,, 3 0 0
,, Kilrain,	"A"	,, ...	12	,, 2 0 0

Pool Target.

Private Rastall,	"D"	Company	...	,, 9 0 0
,, McPherson	"G"	,, ...	...	,, 6 0 0
Corporal Wilson	"A"	,, ...	...	,, 9 0 0
Private Turnbull	"H"	,, ...	...	,, 3 0 0
Lce. Cpl. Kirkland	"G"	,, ...	...	,, 3 0 0
Private Riddell	"C"	,, ...	...	,, 3 0 0
Sergeant Stobie	"A"	,, ...	...	,, 9 0 0
,, Gibb	"B"	,, ...	...	,, 3 0 0
Private Sibbald	"H"	,, ...	..	,, 3 0 0
Lce. Cpl. M'Kinnon	"G"	,,	...	,, 3 0 0

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER.

Plate and Target Competition.

Five rounds allowed. Competitors to hit falling plate before being allowed to fire at ordinary target.

A good entry was the result of this very popular competition, the prize winners being as follows:—

Private Rastall, W.,	"D"	Company	...	Rs. 7 8 0
,, Hughes, W.,	"H"	,,	...	,, 5 0 0
,, May, T.,	"A"	,,	...	,, 5 0 0

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Lce. Cpl. Wight, A.,	"C"	Coy.	...Rs.	4	8	0
Private Malcolm, W.,	"F"	,,	... ,,	3	8	0
,, Brady,	"G"	,,	... ,,	3	8	0
,, Ryans, C.,	"G"	,,	... ,,	3	8	0
,, Ironside, G.,	"H"	,,	... ,,	3	8	0
Lce. Cpl. Armour, C.,	"A"	,,	... ,,	3	8	0
Private Fogg, W.,	"G"	,,	... ,,	2	0	0
Lce. Cpl. Kirkland, W.,	"G"	,,	... ,,	2	0	0
Private Menzies, A.,	"A"	,,	... ,,	2	0	0
Drummer McLean,	"A"	,,	... ,,	2	0	0
Private Wilson, J.,	"A"	,,	... ,,	2	0	0
Corporal Silcock,	"G"	,,	... ,,	2	0	0
Lce. Cpl. Gray,	"H"	,,	... ,,	1	0	0
Corporal Wilson,	"A"	,,	... ,,	1	0	0
Private Jamieson,	"F"	,,	... ,,	1	0	0
Lce. Cpl. Down.	"C"	,,	... ,,	1	0	0
,, Griffiths,	"G"	,,	... ,,	1	0	0
Private Bell,	"C"	,,	... ,,	1	0	0

Pool Target.

Corporal Wilson			...Rs.	5	8	0
Sergeant Stobie			... ,,	5	8	0
Lce. Cpl. MacGillivray ...			... ,,	5	8	0
Sergeant Gibb			... ,,	5	8	0
Private Marshall			... ,,	5	8	0
,, Marshall			... ,,	5	8	0
,, Turnbull			... ,,	5	8	0
Lce. Cpl. Griffiths			... ,,	5	8	0
Private Ryans			.. ,,	5	8	0

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What the Parrot is Saying.

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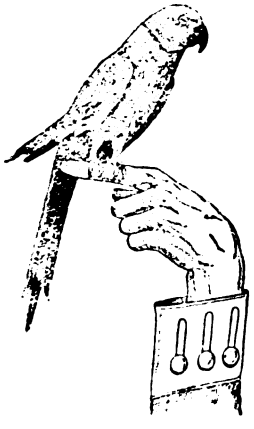

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

WHAT he done an afternoon's work in hauf an oor.

That the hardest worked man in the hale regiment is no in it noo.

That the jack o' clubs was a well known card in the Institutes.

That the Physical Drill team had hard lines at the Assault-at-Arms.

That the team should have won the cup.

That the Football Team had hard lines also at Bombay.

That as the Third time of trying was so nearly fortunate, the fourth try should bring the Rovers Trophy to Poona.

That he wis an awfa guid man at his trade.

That he could paste up bills quicker than ony man in Glesca.

That the donkeys about barracks have not yet decided which is the best company garden.

That the donkeys practice Brigade Drill and Musical Drill frae lights oot tae Reveille.

That he wis looking for tacks tae nail up the roof o' his bungalow.

That he wis doon on his luck but could always afford tae stick a chum a supper, as he could always coont on the support o' the great B. P. tae help him. (*Ed.*—We presume that "Blue Pig" is here intended and not the long suffering British Public).

Death of Colour-Sergeant Instructor Robertson.

The news of the death of Colour-Sergeant Instructor Robertson, an old and popular "Rory," will cause wide-spread regret amongst the many friends to whom he was known. Although not so well known latterly in the Ninety-Third as his brother Louis, late Quarter-master Sergeant of this Battalion (now Sergeant-Major 4th Bn. A. and S. Highlanders), "Charlie" Robertson was always one of the most popular and best known men in the non-commissioned ranks of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the following obituary notice from the columns of the "Lennox Herald" voices the esteem in which he was held by all his old comrades and friends. We offer our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing widow and children, and also to his brother on the loss which they have sustained :—

It was with feelings of deep regret the public learned, on Monday morning, that Sergeant-Instructor Robertson had died the previous night at his residence at the Drill Hall here. He had been in indifferent health for some months, and looked forward to the camp, which was held in July last, as he felt that a fortnight under canvas would bring back his health and strength. He did his utmost to get to Irvine, but at the last moment had reluctantly to give in, and place himself under medical care. He improved somewhat, and was able to go on holiday for a month to Lossiemouth. He came back on Tuesday of last week, seemingly much the better of the change, and hopes were entertained that after a further rest, he would be again fit for duty; but as already stated, the end came suddenly on Sunday night. Deceased was a native of Rothes, Elginshire. He enlisted in 1883 and would have completed his 21 years' service in December next. He joined the Seaforth Highlanders at Fort George, but shortly afterwards got transferred to the 2nd Battalion (old 93rd) Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who were stationed at Maryhill. Although never in active warfare, he saw foreign service in Hong Kong and Ceylon. After 15 years service with the colours he came to Dumbarton about six years ago as drill instructor to "C" Company of the 1st D.R.V. He soon established himself a favourite with all ranks, and was admired for his tact and zeal in everything that pertained to the welfare of the members of his Company. Especially was this evinced with his recruits. A good shot himself, he never wearied in instructing and encouraging them in Morris tube practice and on the range at Auchencarroch. His success as a drill instructor has been exemplified in a marked manner when it is stated that his Company won the Best Drill Cup competition for the Western Half-Battalion four times in the last six years—three times in succession. He felt very proud of his Company on hearing of their unique success in the last camp, when they carried off all the principal regimental drill trophies. This year the Dumbarton Company has won the Drill Cup, Appearance Cup, Subalterns' Cup, Sergeants' Cup, Wylie Cup, and Field Officers' Prize for best attendance, creating a record for the battalion. Popular in his old regiment, as Sergeant Robertson became known in the various companies of our county regiment, that popularity increased, alike amongst officers and men. Simple in his manners, obliging in his disposition, and kindly in his behaviour towards others, he was loved by all his comrades. Honest and upright, with much of

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the old Scottish independence in his character, he was greatly respected and held in high esteem by all with whom he had dealings in the community. He is survived by a widow and three young children, to whom much sympathy is being extended in their sad bereavement.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for November, 1904.

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1 Tu. Mutiny Campaign. No. 3 Company defeated small force of enemy at Kudjwa near Fatehpur, 1857; 3 killed; 1 Officer and 15 men wounded. Sialkote to Jhansi, 1866.
2 W. Reached Cawnpore, 1857; 2 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Ewart attacked fortified village of Banterah, 10 miles from Lucknow; 2 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Adrian Hope captured gun at Bannee, 1 man killed, 3 wounded.
3 Th. Embarked in detachments, Cork for West Indies, 1823. Left Sialkote to join Sir Neville Chamberlain's force for Eusafzai Campaign, 1863: strength, 22 Officers, 30 Sergeants, 25 Corporals, 20 Drummers, 497 Privates.
4 F. Embarked Cork for West Indies, 1823. Chaubattia for Bareilly, 1898.
5 S. Ranikhet to Bareilly. Hill Manœuvres *en route* 1900.
6 S. Embarked Cork for West Indies, 1823. Arrived Toronto from Montreal, 1838.
7 M.
8 Tu. Embarked Cork for West Indies, 1823; Tochi Campaign; break up of third Khaza Column at Inzar Kach, 1897. Arrived Bareilly from Chaubattia, 1898.
9 W. Sir Colin Campbell assumed command of force at Cawnpore for advance upon Lucknow, 1857. Attack on Fort Mittowlee, Oudh, 1858. Left Wing and Head-quarters arrived Bareilly from Hill Manœuvres, 1900.
10 Th. Strength reduced to 45 Officers, 57 Sergeants, 24 Drummers, 48 Corporals, 6 Pipers and 952 Privates, 1856. Capture of Fort Mittowlee, 1858. Dagshai for Umballa, 1893.
11 F. Force for relief of Lucknow reviewed at Cawnpore by Sir Colin Campbell, 1857; 93rd, 53rd, and 4th Punjab Infantry brigaded together under Brig.-Genl. Adrian Hope, 93rd.
12 S.
13 S. Windsor for Portsmouth *en route* for Glasgow, 1882.
14 M. Terrific gale at Balaklava, huts unroofed and every tent in camp levelled, 1854. Advance from Cawnpore for relief of Lucknow commenced, 1857. Pindi for Peshawar, 1861.
15 Tu. Arrived Umballa from Dagshai, 1893.
16 W. Secundrabagh and Shah Nujeef stormed by 93rd, 1857; 2 Officers and 24 men killed. 7 Officers and 61 men wounded. Arrived Glasgow from Windsor, 1882.
17 Th. Communication with Residency, Lucknow, opened, 1857. Arrived Boya from Sheranni, 1897. Funeral of H. G. Duke of Wellington, detachment of 93rd in attendance, 1852.
18 F. Evacuation of Lucknow commenced, 1857.
19 S.
20 S.
21 M. Re-armed with Lee-Enfield Rifle, 1900. "G" Company team fire for and win Army Inter-Company Volley Match (India) 1900.
22 Tu. Evacuation of Lucknow successfully accomplished, 1857.
23 W.
24 Th. 2nd Battalion, 93rd, disbanded, Sunderland, 1815; 30 Sergeants, 23 Corporals, 11 Drummers and 303 men to 1st Battalion.
25 F.
26 S.
27 S.
28 M. Sir Colin Campbell's force from Lucknow after forced march reinforced General Wyndham at Cawnpore, 1857.
29 Tu. Bridge of boats over Ganges at Cawnpore saved and secured by Sir Colin Campbell's force, 1857. Column under Major J. H. Campbell left Boya for Maizar, 1897.
30 W. St. Andrew's Day. Breech-loading Sniders, Pattern III, issued, 1870.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

No. 4295 Private A. C. Keeble, "H" Coy., is promoted Sergeant and transferred to Punjab-Bengal Unattached List for employment as Clerk in P.M.O.'s Office, Presidency District, with effect from 19th February, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of Attached Section:—

No. 5864 Acting Colour Sergeant J. Brash, "C" Company, dated 1st September, 1904.

To be Acting Bandsman:—

No. 8189 Private P. Skiff, "E" Company, dated 30th September, 1904.

To be Pioneer in charge of Fire Engine:—

No. 5050 Private J. Britton, "A" Company, dated 1st September, 1904.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED OR RESTORED.

Class I, at 7d:—

"A" Company.

No. 6952 Private J. Shirley.

"D" Company.

No. 6973 Pte. A. Watson | No. 7207 Pte. D. McKenzie
,, 5116 ,, A. McDonald | ,, 5112 ,, H. Crawford
,, 5194 ,, H. Brown | ,, 7013 ,, J. C. Griffiths
No. 4218 Private W. Scott

"E" Company.

No. 6484 Pte. J. Bradley | No. 6429 Pte. D. Turnbull
No. 6809 Private J. Morrison.

"F" Company.

No. 7007 Lce. Cpl. D. Gibson | No. 7001 Pte. T. Donohue

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"G" Company

No. 6927 Pte. W. Brennan | No. 6938 Pte. W. Forson
,, 6943 ,, D. Morrison | ,, 7026 ,, J. Gibbons
No. 6326 Private J. Manson.

"H" Company.

No. 5936 Pte. J. McNiff | No. 6057 Pte. P. Wilkie

Class I. at 6d.

"D" Company.

No. 7704 Pte. J. Jack | No. 7508 Pte. W. Tennant
,, 7417 ,, W. Gillan | ,, 7432 ,, A. Miller
,, 7771 ,, A. Sinclair | ,, 7517 ,, N. McInnes

"E" Company.

No. 7516 Pte. P. Paton | No. 7723 ,, J. McCarthy

GRANTED OR RESTORED GOOD CONDUCT BADGES OR PAY.

Granted Two G.C. Badges :—

"A" Company.

No. 6911 Pte. T. Thomson | No. 7038 Pte. J. McLachlan

"B" Company.

No. 6981 Private W. Johnstone.

"D" Company.

No. 5488 Private A. Gillan.

"F" Company.

No. 7007 Lance Corporal D. Gibson.

"G" Company.

No. 6074 Pte. W. Anderson | No. 7826 Pte. J. Gibbons

Granted One G.C. Badge:—

"A" Company.

No. 7786 Pte. C. Shoolbread | No. 8428 Pte. W. Watson

"B" Company.

No. 5486 Private P. Struthers.

"D" Company.

No. 5971 Pte. W. Brooks | No. 6918 Pte. J. McIntosh

"G" Company.

No. 7657 Pte. T. Stewart | No. 9027 Pte. C. Biggans
No. 5914 Private A. McPherson.

Granted 1d. G.C. Pay :—

No. 6306 Private J. Murray, "A" Company
,, 6050 ,, A. Rodham, "G" ,,

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company :—

No. 7807 Piper A. S. Taylor from "A" to "C" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

To Army Reserve in India :—

No. 6085 Pte. W. Millar "H" Coy. from 1st Sept., 1004.
,, 6247 ,, J. Stewart, "G" Coy. from 10th Sept., 1904.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Rejoined Battalion :—

No. 4276 Private. W. Ballantyne, "H" Company, from 23rd August, 1904.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted Certificates, dated Poona, 5th September, 1904, as Regimental Transport Assistant, and Assistant Instructor during peace, or Transport Sergeant during Field Service:—

No. 6826 Sergeant A. Gibb, "B" Company.
,, 7764 Lce. Sgt. E. Harvey, "F" ,,
,, 5168 Corporal J. Gilmour, "G" ,,

Awarded Certificate of qualification in Supply Duties :—

No. 4531 Lance Corporal C. Armour, "A" Company.

Granted Army Veterinary Certificate, dated 24th September, 1904:—

No. 7612 Private H. Davis, "A" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engaged to complete twenty-one years' Service with the Colours :—

No. 5357 Lce. Sgt. J. Stewart, "H" Company.
,, 4761 Lce. Cpl. A. Bowe, "H" ,,
,, 4715 Private J. Miller, "E" ,,

Extended to complete 12 years with the Colours:—

No. 5994 Private A. Rice, "G" Company.
,, 6098 Lce. Sergt. T. Young "A" ,,
,, 4955 Private D. Hunter, "A" ,,
,, 7869 Drummer J. Wardrope, "G" ,,
,, 5967 Private J. Brodie, "H" ,,
,, 5971 ,, W. Brooks, "D" ,,

Extended to complete eight years Service with the Colours :—

"B" Company.

No. 8066 Pte. H. Sneddon | No. 6362 Pte. J. Kelly.

"C" Company.

No. 6524 Private A. McCaskell.

"D" Company.

No. 8265 Private H. Fraser.

"E" Company.

No. 7479 Pte. R. Henderson | No. 6809 Pte. J. Morrison
,, 7516 ,, P. Paton | ,, 6163 ,, J. Matchett

"G" Company.

No. 6326 Private J. Manson.

"H" Company.

No. 5936 Private J. McNiff.

MUSKETRY.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and men of "D" Company have qualified for Marksmen's Badges :—

No. 4482 Private J. Mowatt (Company shot).

No. 3077 Cr. Sgt. C. Johnston | No. 2981 Sgt. W. Scott
,, 5764 Sgt. J. Sim. | ,, 6538 ,, J. Memmott
,, 4293 L. Sgt. D. G. Newall | ,, 5394 Lce. Cpl. J. Ross
,, 5116 Pte. A. McDonald | ,, 7823 Pte. J. Craig
,, 6703 ,, W. Houston | ,, 8423 ,, W. Ingram
,, 4912 ,, R. McLeish | ,, 6412 ,, J. Murphy
,, 7618 ,, R. McLuskey | ,, 5198 ,, J. Marshall
,, 7726 ,, W. O'Hare | ,, 7926 ,, A. Potts
,, 6434 ,, J. Turpie | ,, 5971 ,, W. Brooks
,, 6142 ,, W. Rastall | ,, 7716 ,, E. Johnstone
No. 7710 Private J. Jack

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 7387 Private C. McKenzie "D" Company
,, 7909 ,, D. McAskill "A" ,,
,, 8062 ,, J. McNeill "A" ,,

CHANGE OF NAME.

No. 6902 Pte. A. McClean, "E" Coy. changed to Alexander McLean.
No. 5931 Pte. G. Wilson, "H" Coy. changed to George Ironside.
No. 7723 Pte. J. McCarthney, "E" Coy changed to John McCarthy.

RESTORATION OF SERVICE.

Restored Service in accordance with para. 1842, K. R. :—

No. 6163 Private J. Matchett, "E" Company.

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FURLOUGHS.

No. 4621 Private J. White, "G" Company, from 20th September, 1904, to 3rd October, 1904.
No. 3581 Sergeant H. Kerr, "A" Company, from 3rd September, 1904, to 25th September, 1904.
No. 6541 Lce. Corporal T. Scrymgeour, "E" Company from 1st September, 1904, to 30th September, 1904.
No. 4553 Bandsman P. Quinn, "H" Company, from 11th September, 1904, to 30th September, 1904.
No. 5898 Private A. Dixon, "G" Company, from 1st October, 1904, to 30th October, 1904.

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Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

Marshall—At Poona on 6th September, 1904, the wife of Private J. Marshall, "G" Company, of a son, Walter John.

MARRIAGES.

Weller—Beck. At St. Andrew's, Poona, on the 29th September, 1904, by Rev. Alan Cant, B.D., Chaplain, Church of Scotland, William Richard Weller, Quarter Master Sergeant, 93rd Highlanders, to Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Beck.

Gunn– Home. At St. Saviour's, Mount Abu, on the 21st September, 1904, by the Chaplain of Mount Abu, James Gunn, Quarter Master Sergeant, 93rd Highlanders, to Ellen Ada, daughter of the late Rev. G. Home.

DEATHS.

Johnstone. At Poona, on the 2nd September, 1904, No. 7200 Private Duncan Johnstone, "B" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

Ross. At Poona, on the 15th September, 1904, No. 8151 Private John Ross, "E" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

Dolan. At Poona, on the 18th September, 1904, No. 4595 Pioneer J. Dolan, "B" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

Kerr. At Poona, on the 22nd September, 1904, No. 4989 Private George Kerr, "C" Company, 93rd Highlanders.

Robertson. Suddenly, at Drill Hall Cottage, Dunbarton, on the 4th September, Colour Sergeant Instructor Charles Robertson, late 93rd Highlanders.—Deeply regretted.

Statement of the Thin Red Line Fund for Quarter ending 30th September, 1904.

Date.	Expenditure.	Amount.	Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.
	To Expenses of management and ,, Commission to Company Agents	81 15 0		By Balance Cash Cr. from last quarter ..	1188 4 4
	,, Postage	13 8 0		,, Cash from companies	220 0 0
	,, Orphanage Press for printing and binding	250 10 0		,, Subscriptions	29 12 0
	,, Stationery and sundries	2 3 0		,, Advertisers	4 0 0
	,, Peon	6 0 0		,, Bound Volumes	3 0 0
	,, Battalion Orders	3 0 0			
	,, Photo-Zinco Dept. for prints	124 1 0			
	,, Bank Charges	0 1 11			
	Balance Cash Cr.	963 9 5			
	Total ..	1445 0 4			1445 0 4
	Assets.			**Liabilities.**	
	Cash in hand	6 4 4		Nil.	
	,, ,, Bank	957 5 1			
	Due from advertisers	501 0 0			
	Due for Bound Volumes	12 0 0			
				Balance Cr.	1476 9 5
	Total ..	1476 9 5		Total ..	1476 9 5

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THE VETERANS OF THE REGIMENT.

A GROUP TAKEN IN 1903.

The Officers N. C. Officers and Men who came to India with the Regiment.

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SKIRLS

The Battalion Annual Return usually provides interesting reading to those who are fond of statistics, and this year's return proves no exception to the rule. The Return, which is dated 1st October, shows the strength of the battalion on that date to be twenty-seven officers, two warrant officers, and 1006 rank and file. Under the heading of Nationalities we find that twenty-one of the officers and 860 of the rank and file are Scotch; five officers and seventy-seven N.C.O.'s and men are of English extraction; one officer and fifty-five men are Irish, and fourteen are of *Colonial birth.* The religious denominations show nine officers, and 775 warrant and non-commissioned officers and men to belong to the Church of Scotland; eighteen officers, and eighty-six N.C.O.'s and men to the Church of England; 163 N.C.O.'s and men to the Roman Catholic, three to the Wesleyan, and one to the Baptist Churches. The average height is nearly five feet seven inches, and the average age is between twenty-five and twenty-six years of age, no less than 426 men being over twenty-six years of age. 253 men belong to the Territorial District which includes the counties of Argyll, Renfew, Stirling, Dunbarton, and Clackmannan. There are seventy-one N.C.O.'s and men serving on a twenty-one years' engagement; 240 on a twelve years' engagement; 610 for eight years, eighty-four for seven years, and one solitary individual for three years. During the year twenty-two N.C.O.'s and men re-engaged for twenty-one years, twenty-seven for twelve years, and 603 for eight years service. 362 men of the battalion are in possession of one good conduct badge, 197 have two, fifteen have three, and two have four. The Sergeant-Major is the only one in the whole battalion able to sport the medal for long Service and Good Conduct. Certificates of Education are fairly plentiful, as there are twenty-six First Class, 220 Second Class, and 254 Third Class Certificates in possession of men of the battalion. The strength was increased during the year by 129 men, drafts from home accounting for 122 and transfers from other corps seven. Under the heading decrease we find that 168 men proceeded to England, time expired, etc., during the year, three transferred to other corps, twelve went to the Army Reserve in India, seven took

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their discharge in the country and eight men died. Considering that cholera, plague, small-pox, enteric, diptheria, and various other malignant diseases have been raging in Poona during the year, the decrease through deaths is a remarkably low one, and affords a reliable estimate to the superior stamina and physique of the battalion.

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"B" Company carried out their Annual Course of Musketry during the month, with the following results:—Colour Sergeant Tyndall obtained the badge for "Company Shot" with a total score of 384. There were ten marksmen, 28 first class shots, 25 second class shots, 6 third class shots, and there are several casuals who have yet to complete the course. The figure of merit of the Company is 179. A noteworthy score is that made by Private C. Hunter, who with 277 was the highest scorer in Part I. In the last five practices, being seven rounds rapid at 600 yards, and the four snap-shooting practices, he obtained the highest possible score. His seven shots at 600 yards could be covered with one hand in the centre of the bull's eye. The weather was on the whole good, but as the Company had to finish as soon as possible they could not afford to pick their time to shoot, or the marksmanship would undoubtedly have been of a higher order.

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"G" Company, whose Annual Musketry Course had been broken off earlier in the year, finished it during the month.

Sergeant Dougall is best shot of the Company with 384, and he is closly followed by Colour Sergeant Ritchie with 378 and Private Rice with 371. The number of marksmen is 9; first class shots 36; and second class shots 33. The Company has lost heavily in time-expired men—upwards of 30 having already left for home—including many of the steadiest shots.

The shooting would have been even better had it not been for the prevailing tricky wind and the course being interrupted at intervals.

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The Principal Medical Officer of the District made his Annual Inspection of Wanowrie Barracks during the month, and in addition minutely examined the two drafts which arrived from home since the Battalion came to Poona. He paid particular attention to the teeth of the men, and to the localities from which they were severally recruited. The opinion afterwards expressed by him to our Commanding Officer on their appearance was, we believe, very complimentary.

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School-Master Burnard proceeded home in the "*Assaye*" during the month, and Lance Corporal Mackinnon has been appointed to the charge of the School during his absence. School-Mistress Wheeler was, during the month, transferred to the Royal Artillery School, Bombay.

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"D" and "H" Companies proceeded on the 11th October to Karakwasla, twelve miles out of Poona, to complete the Annual Course of Musketry by firing their field practices. The camp and surrounding country were rendered very unpleasant by the heavy rainfall, and the men were not sorry when they finished and handed over the camp to "B" and "G" Companies, the latter having completed Parts I. and II. of Table B.

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We understand the weather clerk has been no more favourable to them than to the former companies, so it remains for "F" Company, who have gone out, to give an opinion of the Camp under good weather conditions. The Camp is situated among the finest scenery, on the shores of Lake Fife, and looking at it through (very much) smoked glasses one might almost believe oneself in some parts of Scotland, but the description given in another column speaks for itself.

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The changes in company commands have been limited to Captain Darroch proceeding home to relieve Captain Tweedie at the Depot, thus leaving Lieutenant Fenzi to command "E" Company. Captain Darroch, together with Mrs. Darroch and family, sailed in the "*Assaye*," and their presence will be much missed in the Ninety-Third.

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2nd Lieutenant R. G. Maclaine having made a good recovery from enteric has been granted six months' leave on Medical Certificate. He left on the "*Assaye*," and we have little doubt but that the "caller air" of the West Highlands will greatly help in his recuperation. Those on board the "*Assaye*" had the honour of being escorted from Gibraltar by H.M.S. "*Illustrious*," a precaution rendered necessary by the lamentable conduct of the Baltic Fleet of Russia.

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We have to congratulate Captain K. F. C. Marshall on passing subject (c) for promotion to the rank of Major.

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The trooping season having opened, so far as the Ninety-Third is concerned, with the sailing of H. T. "*Assaye*," the Battalion has been depleted to the extent of 65 men, made up as follows:—

To Army Reserve, fifty-one; Time-expired, 12 years men, nine; and invalids, five. Many familiar faces and regimental worthies are thus lost to us, and in their civil career we wish them success.

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"C" Company, under Lieutenant J. B. Gillatt, proceeded on detachment to Kirkee towards the

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end of the month, and will remain there for the next three months. This makes the duty for the Battalion much easier as the onus of finding the Ordnance Depot Guard is now thrown upon the East Lancashire Regiment. The presence of a British Infantry Detachment is necessary owing to the location of the Ammunition Factory at Kirkee.

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An outbreak of Small-pox having been reported in "B" Company, Private Paton being the unfortunate, the affected men were quickly isolated and the remainder of the troops in Barracks inspected, with the result that no more cases have since been heard of. Private Paton has, we are glad to say, since returned to duty, so there is some scepticism about his case.

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With the end of the month the monsoon season has apparently come to a conclusion, and we are now experiencing much warmer weather, and the change from serge to khaki and white clothing is much appreciated, but judging, however, from the climate here a year ago, another month should see us in the cold weather again.

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Many and varied are the rumours circulated regarding the cold season manœuvres, but from an unofficial source we hear that they will be on a much larger scale than last year, and that the Battalion are likely to move out about the end of November, and remain out for about a fortnight.

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Colonel Paterson having met with a very nasty accident while hunting, was placed on the sick list for nine days. We are glad, however, to welcome his appearance again, and trust he will suffer no ill-effects from his mishap.

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The population of that station, Purandhar, was augmented during the month by the despatch of a few more men from Poona to recuperate from illness contracted in the monsoon season, and from the reports which reach us it appears to be an admirable sanitarium. As there is now a fairly representative detachment of the Ninety-Third there, we have been expecting some news to interest us poor mortals slaving down here, but so far we have been disappointed.

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The Service Pay conditions can still be traced in the results of the examination for School Certificates which took place on the 7th instant, the number securing Third Class Certificates being fifteen and Second Class nine. Classes for preparation of Candidates for First Class Certificates have been started during the month, and it is perhaps not out of place for us to point to the many advantages the possession of this Certificate leads to, not only in the Army but when seeking employment after leaving the service.

The annual inspection of the School took place on the day succeeding the examination.

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The most important Field day the battalion has had for some time came off about the beginning of the month. The Battalion parading as if mobilized for Frontier Service, with all necessary mobilization equipment and transport, marched to a point on the Purandhar Road where the tents were pitched. The camp was formed in the style adapted to frontier warfare, inlying and outlying picquets being posted, and various forms of camp defence were practised, etc.

The annual competition for cooking in the field was also carried through, the results of which appear on another page. The camp was then struck, and the troops trekked homewards, the scheme of organization having been very efficiently carried through.

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The Musketry exercise of the Battalion is being very rapidly carried out now that the range is available for all practices again. "A" Company having made a start, and "C" Company purposing to exercise at Kirkee, "E" is therefore the only company yet to be exercised. Of course the fact that we had two ranges in full swing at once considerably helped matters, and if the number of "guns" to be seen in the Battalion is any criterion, the percentage of marksmen is very fair.

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We publish on another page an account of the Regiment's progress in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament, but as one Poona Contemporary remarks, "luck was dead against the 'Jocks,'" and we have to be content this time with reaching the Semi-Final.

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We were fortunate in being able to secure the loan for a month of the range belonging to one of the Native Regiments of the Garrison. This has enabled two companies to do their full course, one Company to finish, and a fourth to make a start, all within the month of October. Though it is ill to look a gift horse in the mouth, the markers had great difficulty in overcoming the many defects in the butts, and the want of any shelter made them a veritable sun trap.

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In another column will be found a letter from a late Band-Sergeant of the Ninety-Third, now Bandmaster of the West African Frontier Force.

Mr. Hall's letter emphasises the want felt by old members of the regiment who are not subscribers to the Regimental Paper, a want which "The Thin

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Red Line" trys to fill by chronicling all the principal items in the daily life of the regiment.

We are very well pleased indeed to hear of Mr. Hall's appointment, and hope he will have good health to enjoy the comfortable billet he has secured. The photograph which Mr. Hall sent shows him surrounded by his band of dusky performers, a fine looking lot of West Coast natives whom we take by their dress to be Housas.

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It has been decided that the tenure of appointments of Acting Sergeant-Majors of Volunteer Corps and senior Sergeant-Instructors in corps not entitled to a Sergeant-Major will, in future, be limited to four years, provided that incumbents have completed twenty-one years for pension. Acting Sergeant-Majors instead of being selected as hitherto from the Sergeant-Instructors of corps in which a vacancy occurs will be selected, in future, from a seniority list of Sergeant-Instructors.

The above order opens out a wide prospect of promotion to senior N.C.O.'s who care to go upon the Indian Unattached List, with the certainty of a Quarter-Master-Sergeant's pension on retirement after twenty-one years.

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A contemporary announces the death at Ootacamund of Major Rae, an old Ninety-First officer, who served in the Caffre Wars of 1850-51-52-53; Crimean Campaign, and in the Army of occupation of Greece. He also took part in the Indian Mutiny, and was possessed of the medals for the above Campaigns.

In conjunction with his brother, he was the pioneer tea planter on the Nilgiris, having opened the first tea estate on Dunsandle. He also took a great interest in the Game Preservation Society in the earlier stages of its history, and was one of the prime movers in organising the Volunteer movement in the hills. He served with the 91st Highlanders, and has been a resident of Ootacamund since 1863. He was 75 years of age at the time of his death.

[The late Major Rae must have been on the staff or attached to some other regiment to have been in the Crimean Campaign, as the reserve battalion of the 91st (the battalion which fought in the Caffre Wars of 1850-51-52-53) did not arrive home from South Africa until September, 1855, and was disbanded shortly after. The First Battalion of the 91st was at Malta and Greece during the period which covered the Crimean War, and did not reach India until October, 1858, and only a wing of the Regiment was employed in the operations against the insurgent Rohilla bands. Mention is made of Lieutenant Rae's services with the Reserve battalions of the 91st in the Caffre Wars, in the history of the 91st compiled by Major-General Robley.—Ed.]

The late Major G. R. Fenwick.

The following obituary notice of an old Ninety-Third officer appeared in a recent copy of the *Pioneer*:—

"We regret to hear by the new mail of the death last month of Major G. R. Fenwick, a man well known at one time to a good many of the older generation of Anglo-Indians. He came to India as a Captain in the 93rd Highlanders with his regiment, after serving through the Crimea, and having a literary bent was a frequent contributor to the Calcutta *Englishman*. Retiring from the Army shortly afterwards, he joined its staff as Assistant Editor, subsequently becoming Editor. A few years later he threw up his appointment in Calcutta and went to Simla, when in conjunction with the late Colonel Cory he started the *Civil and Military Gazette* as a weekly paper. When later on the paper changed hands and was transferred to Lahore as a daily paper Major Fenwick became its Editor, but after some years his health broke down and he left India finally. At Home he became connected with the *Broad Arrow* and ultimately Editor of that journal. He was keenly interested in the Volunteer movement and resuscitated it in Calcutta at a time when it was virtually dead, and became a Major in the local corps. In recognition of his efforts he received a letter of thanks from the Governor-General in Council (Lord Lawrence). These days were before the institution of Volunteer Decorations. Major Fenwick was present at the funeral of his old friend Sir William Rattigan, though at the time himself seriously indisposed from a heart complaint which has now carried him off."

Major Fenwick did not accompany his regiment to India as our contemporary states, as on the departure of the Battalion for the contemplated China Expedition, he, together with Captain J. M. Brown, Lieutenant Tabuteau, seven Sergeants, one drummer, and seventy rank and file were left at Dover Castle to form a Depôt, and shortly afterwards moved to Chatham to join the Depôt Battalion there.

The late Major Fenwick's services are thus recorded in Burgoyne's Historical Records of the Ninety-Third Sutherland Highlanders:—George Roe Fenwick—Ensign, 23rd November, 1852; Lieutenant, 28th November, 1854. Served with the Royals at Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol; accompanied the storming party as a volunteer in the attack on the Redan, 18th June. Was appointed to the Ninety-Third and commanded a reconnoitring party of volunteers which entered the Redan previous to the explosion on the 8th September, and ascertained its evacuation. Became a Captain in 1862 and retired in 1863. Captain Fenwick has the Crimean Medal with three clasps, and Turkish medal.

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The Russo-Japanese War.

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In a proclamation to his troops issued by Kuropatkin at the end of September he announced his intention of taking the offensive, and on October 3rd we learned that the Japanese were entrenching along their whole line. The advance thus foreshadowed commenced on the 7th, when a Russian force attacked the enemy's right at Chien-chang-tai, twenty-five miles N.E. of Sai-ma-chi, whilst a Brigade with 2,000 Cavalry cut into the Japanese line between Pen-si-hu and Hsi-ho-yen on the 9th, but these attacks were beaten back by the general advance commenced by Oyama on the 11th. Heavy fighting took place on the 12th, 13th and 14th, by which time Oyama had advanced to the line of the Sha river, ten miles South of Mukden. His extreme left was across the Hun river, ten miles S.W. of Mukden, whilst Kuroki's extreme right was still engaged with the enemy N E. of the Yentai mines. Kuropatkin's design in this battle of Sha-ho appears to have been to turn the Japanese right, whilst Oyama in his turn tried to turn the Russian right. The Japanese are reported to have had 190,000 men and the Russians 240,000. The Japanese casualties all told were 15,789, whilst the Russians lost 14,000 killed, at least 32,000 wounded and 709 prisoners, besides 43 guns, 6,920 shells, and 5,474 rifles.

After a day of rest the Russian right fiercely attacked the Japanese left on 16th and 17th, but no advantage to either side resulted, except that a Japanese force was surprised by superior numbers and lost 14 guns. Since 18th no serious fighting has been reported, but no news of Kuroki's position has been obtained, and it is believed the Japanese are working through the mountains East of Mukden in order to turn the Russian defensive positions.

The Japanese complain of the Russian troops making use of Chinese costumes, which is violating the rules of war. We wonder if they will be so lenient to Russians captured in such disguise as as the British were to Boers wearing our uniforms with intent to deceive our troops, for these when captured escaped all punishment.

At Port Arthur early in the month the Japanese succeeded in capturing the main water supply of the town, and on the 8th and 13th made desperate efforts to capture the Erhlungshan Forts, but only got to 500 yards from the position. However, a persistent bombardment was kept up, and on 27th and 28th the Erhlungshan and another Fort were captured by mining. It is believed the place is almost untenable, and that the garrison must retire to the Forts on the Tiger's Tail.

A second Manchurian Army has been formed and placed under the command of General Gripenberg. It is to be composed of the 4th, 8th and 16th Corps from Europe, also the 6th Siberian Corps (which is made up of drafts and volunteers from various Corps in Russia) and some Brigades of riflemen. General Linievitch has been given command of the 1st Manchurian Army now facing the Japanese, and General Kuropatkin has been made Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Alexieff having been recalled to Russia.

The Circum-Baikal Railway was opened to traffic on September 12th, and ten trains of thirty coaches each can now run daily, whereas the Lake Baikal steamers could only make three trips a day across the Lake with twenty-five coaches. On October 1st, the first Japanese train arrived at Liaoyang, bringing up much-needed supplies.

The "*Times*" correspondent at Tokyo asserts that at the battle of Liaoyang, Marshal Oyama in despair had already given orders to retire, when Nodzu protested and got permission to make another assualt which caused the Russian retirement. He goes on to say that in consequence Oyama is to be recalled during the winter. What truth there is in this is not yet known, but probably Sha-ho will have restored Oyama to favour in any case.

The Japanese gunboat Heiyuen struck a mine in Pigeon Bay on September 18th, and out of a crew of 311 only four were saved. This accident was kept carefully concealed for a month.

The British steamer Allanton, which was captured by the Vladivostock cruisers and condemned for carrying contraband of war by the Naval Prize Court, has been released with her cargo by the Supreme Prize Court at St. Petersburg.

The Captain of the Arabia, another steamer captured by the squadron and now released, gives his opinion that the Russian cruisers cannot be repaired fit for sea for several months.

Some consternation was caused in mercantile circles by a report that Russian cruisers had appeared in Torres Straits, N.E. of Australia, early in October, but this was found to be a false one.

It is announced that Count Okuma has estimated the cost to Japan of a two years war will be two hundred millions, and that next year it will be necessary to borrow fifty millions.

But the great event of the month to British minds was the extraordinary behaviour of the Baltic Fleet in the North Sea. The officers of this Feet appear to have left Danish waters on 19th in a state of panic as to what enterprise the Japanese would attempt, and it is further asserted that most of them were drunk. On the night of the 22nd, whilst passing through the trawling fleet off the East coast of England, they fired on the harmless fishing vessels, sinking two or three, damaging nineteen, besides killing and wounding a number of fisherman. They also

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stopped a steamer off the Isle of Wight, and fired on a German and Norwegian steamer in the North Sea. It is said the admiral before he left Russia intimated his intention of firing on any vessel approaching the Fleet!

The Russian vessels passed on without giving any help to its victims, and was next heard of at Vigo in North Spain, where German Colliers were waiting to coal them, but the Spanish authorities would not allow this, so the colliers went on to Tangiers, whither most of the Fleet followed.

Meanwhile the British Government had been vigorously protesting to Russia, and, forced by public opinion to do something, had the Channel and Mediterranean squadrons concentrated and cleared for action at Gibraltar, where very soon fourteen battleships and thirteen cruisers were collected. The Russian Admiral's explanation was that two Japanese torpedo boats, screened by the trawlers, had attacked one of the transports, and at first Russia accepted this, but the concentration of our ships caused an alteration in attitude, and it is now stated that the Russians, suffering from severe "Jumps" (whether nervous or alcholic is immaterial) mistook two of their own torpedo boats for hostile ones!

Our Fleets are keeping a careful watch on the Russians, and it is probable they will be "shadowed" all the way to Eastern waters. Colliers have been sent to German West African territory, and to the French Island of Reunion, off Madagascar, but it does not follow that the Baltic Fleet or part of it will not use the Suez Canal. It is quite evident that if this Fleet is so nervous just on leaving home, it is not fit to look after itself, and therefore we ought to send warships to see that it behaves properly in future. What its nerves and actions will be like when (if ever) it arrives near the Japanese is difficult to imagine! Commissions of Inquiry at Hull and Vigo are sitting, and we are demanding the punishment of the officers responsible. The Tzar has called it a "regrettable accident," and Russia has promised £100,000 as damages, but as yet no apology or any similar expression has been vouchsafed by the Russian Government.

She—Is there any difference between fort and a fortress? Her Husband—Well, I should imagine that a fortress would be harder to silence.

Among the many stories of the campaign in South Africa is one relating to a Divisional General sent from India, whose language was always forcible even in peace time. It is related that when there was a block in a particularly bad bit of country, he used the most vigorous vocabulary in order to stimulate men and animals to fresh exertions. Exhausted at last, he managed to issue a final order :—"Send up a Staff Officer to continue the swearing: I've lost my voice." There were several applicants!

The Annual Musketry Report.

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An exceedingly interesting document has reached us in the shape of the A.G. in India's report on the Musketry of the Indian Army for the year 1903-04, and although such reports are generally dry reading this one proves the exception as the following extracts will show.

The figure of merit for range practices by British Troops shews that nearly 21 per cent. of infantry men are marksmen, 35 per cent. first class shots, 33 per cent. second class shots and nearly 11 per cent. third class shots. The Adjutant-General characterises a third class shot as a "downright bad shot" and a second class shot as an "indifferent one" so these figures mean that almost half of our troops are indifferent and bad shots. Might not this state of affairs lead to some more "weel kent faces" being seen oftener on musketry parades, as hitherto only Third Class Shots have had that privilege?

It appears that the drawback to musketry in past years has been its dullness and unreality, and the A.G. points out that it should be made as interesting as possible to everyone. The regulations given us are only a guide, and although positions are laid down in the firing exercise for instance, the idea must be got rid of that they are as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. The general principles must be followed, freedom should be given in order to secure accurate shooting combined with the intelligent use of cover, and this means that each man must adapt himself to the ground or cover and hold his rifle accordingly.

Special attention has been directed to the fact that subordinates are frequently not allowed to use their own discretion during field practices, and that leaders are particularly careless in taking cover, they and the ammunition carriers being often the most visible portion of the attacking force from the defender's position.

Range finding and judging distance are also specially commented upon, and it is hoped that the recently sanctioned increase of mekometers will improve the standard all round.

Generally, however, it seems that while a fairly high standard of efficiency has been reached in the elementary range practices, there is still room in many ways for improvement by all ranks in Field Practices.

They were discoursing learnedly on the subject of false teeth, when one intelligent Highlander chanced to remark that such things would not be required if people took the trouble to masticate their food properly. Another intelligent person who chanced to be "in the conversation" thereupon replied that "He kent a chap in 'H' company wha never attempted tae concentrate his food unless he wis 'three quarter plate.'"

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Home and Depot Notes.

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Private Corsey of the Ninety-First was successful in getting into the final stage of the Lightweights' competition of the Army Boxing Championship held at Aldershot recently. He only lost the championship in the last round of the final on points, and we congratulate him on the excellent display he made and wish him better luck next time.

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The annual meeting of subscribers to the Argyll and Sutherland Memorial Home was held in the Home (Mar Lodge), on Friday, the 7th October. The meeting was presided over by Colonel P.D. Trotter, and amongst others present were:—Colonel Hunt, Stirling Castle; Provost Thomson, Colonel A. H. Middleton, Mrs. Moulton-Barrett, Mrs. Wade, Miss Davidson, of the Glasgow Soldiers' Home, Maryhill; Miss Robson, Melville Terrace; Mrs. Moorhouse, Mr. J. W. Campbell, and Miss Belcher. The annual report and statement of accounts was adopted, and Col. Trotter, in a few remarks, asked the cordial assistance of all friends of the Institution to be given to Miss Belcher, the new Lady Superintendent, in her work among the soldiers in Stirling.

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A list issued recently of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have been awarded medals for "long service and good conduct" includes the following Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—Colour-Sergeant Instructor of Musketry J. Mackie, Quartermaster Sergeant F. Meston, Colour-Sergeant J. E. Jenkins, Band-Sergeant J. Hetherington, also Bandmaster J. McClurg.

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Captain R. R. Stewart of the 4th Battalion has been promoted Major, and Lieut. H. A. Cheape has been promoted Captain.

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Captain Williamson, 4th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, recruiting officer for the western division of the 91st Regimental District, has been visiting Inverary and Lochfyne-side. If his exertions there turn out as successful as elsewhere there should be a considerable accession of the right sort of young blood to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

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Among the list of prize winners at the open event for marches at the Bute Highland Games, we notice with pleasure the name of our late Pipe-Major A. Ferguson.

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Rothesay is at present agitated over the threatened disbandment of the Volunteer Company, which appears imminent under the new scheme of re-organisation of the Auxilary Forces. As the movement of protest is influentially upheld it is highly probable that a compromise will be effected. we shall be very sorry indeed if this highly efficient company, which has been in existence for forty-five years, is disbanded.

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A surprise parade of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion took place at Paisley recently in connection with the award of Colonel Paton's Shield. Between four o'clock and eight—the latter the hour for assembling—buglers were sent through the town in a motor car, and these sounded "The Assembly." At the time for muster, it was found that 321 out of the total strength of 900 had gathered, and these were paraded through the principal streets of the town. On returning to the hall, Col. Paton announced that C Company (Johnstone) were the winners with 87 on parade, giving a percentage of 74.3 of their strength; A Company (Paisley) being second with 54, a percentage of 54.5.

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At the Glasgow Sutherland Association meeting held in the Sauchiehall Rooms on 8th October an interesting lecture was delivered by the President, Mr. Alex. Bruce, on the "Thin Red Line." The lecturer referred in detail to the raising of the Regiment and in particular to the passages in its history connected with the Crimean Campaign. The lecture was illustrated by lime-light views and there was a very large attendance, who closely followed Mr. Bruce's able description of the stirring events in the history of the Ninety-Third. On conclusion, a vote of thanks, with great cordiality, was awarded to the lecturer, and a "Thin Red Line" veteran present followed with some interesting remarks.

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The following accounts of the Ball at Stirling Castle is culled from the *Stirling Sentinel*:—

A grand ball was given in Stirling Castle by Colonel Hunt. Upwards of 150 were present and the officers' quarters, in which the assembly was held, have seldom witnessed a brighter or more animated scene. Colonel Hunt received the guests, who passed into the ballroom between lines of kilted Highlanders. The decorations were of a military character, and most effective. A feature of the sitting-out arrangements was the covering over of the "Prince's Walk," and the partial enclosing of the balcony overlooking the lawn, which combined the freshness of the open air with the special attractions of the inside. Messrs. Graham & Morton were responsible for the decorations. The music was by Herr Iff's band.

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Letter to the Editor.

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Lagos, W.A., 15-9-04.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Reading the June number of the "Thin Red Line," I was pleased to hear about Bandsman Lillywhite getting on so well in the R.M.A. Band. I am sure it is a pleasure to hear of my comrades whom I was associated with for sixteen years of my life doing so well. You will see by the above address that I am Bandmaster at Lagos to the West African Frontier Force. I was selected from several candidates who applied, and the Colonial Secretary was pleased to appoint me to the vacancy. The conditions of employment are very good For each year of service put in on this coast, two years will be reckoned towards pension. After completing each twelve months, I get four months leave to England on full pay. I have also been given charge of the Lagos Police Band, which brings my total salary for the double appointment up to about £200 a year with free furnished quarters which are very comfortable. I had six months at home after leaving the Regiment before being appointed to Lagos. My time counts here from 11th June, 1904, and so as I have now seventeen years service, I shall be entitled to pension in a couple of years time.

I am forwarding you a photo of my military band. The strength is twenty-eight performers and myself. They play very well and take a great interest in the work. The Drum-Major has done two years in Kneller-hall, and he plays the cornet very well. I have been called upon very often since I came here to play clarionet solos, which seem to be appreciated very much, and have been congratulated personally by the Governor of the Colony on the marked improvement in the band. I am the first Bandmaster to be appointed.

I should like to be a subscriber to the "Thin Red Line," as it is now almost the only means I have of keeping in touch with the good old Regiment in which I served so long.

Hoping the Band is still keeping up to its old reputation. Good health to all.

Yours truly,
W. G. HALL, Bandmaster,
W.A.F.F., Lagos,
late 93rd Highlanders.

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In Barracks.

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Password for the month—"Keep off the grass."

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An inspired correspondent wishes to know "why it is that the band frequently gets paid for going out to play, and the poor signallers don't get paid for going out to work." He also throws out a hint about a piper's life being a very happy one as he has nothing to do but play all day. After mature consideration, I have decided that if my inspired correspondent happens to be a signaller, he ought surely to be satisfied with the exceptional opportunities for "light reading" at his disposal.

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The following lines were inscribed on a B.P. ticket, found in the vicinity of the tailor's shop recently :—

Peter was a bandsman,
The cymbals he did play,
And every time his company passed
They had a lot to say.
When the band is marching
With Peter at the cym,
Isn't it an awful thing
To hear the noise and din ?

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Talk about a voyage round the world. Has any one ever noticed the circle of regimental institutes round about barracks ? A considerable number of men do the grand tour several times during the course of the year, and to such this yarn contains no information, but to the uninitiated a short description of the popular route may be useful. We will suppose that our tourist has lapsed somewhat from the path of righteousness. This necessarily entails attendance at the morning levee held by the C.O. in the Regimental institution known as the Orderly Room. Let this be his starting point. From here the tourist emerges chock full of good resolutions, and accordingly his nights, previously spent in the R.A.T.S. are now passed in the R.A.T.A. The pleasures of the R.A.T.A. palling on him after a time, a move is made to the Institute known as the supper-room. Here he may enjoy the mild dissipation of a "quiet pint" varied occasionally by "rushing" the "B.P." Having sampled the waters here a move is made to the next resort, namely the Canteen. As the supply of fluids is less restricted here much care is required to avoid collision with the authorities. Sooner or later, however, the strength of the waters proves too much for the traveller, with the result that another stage on the journey is reached, followed by a rest of twenty-four hours. The hotel accommodation at this stage is gratis although *all* home comforts are not guaranteed The monotony of this place may be relieved somewhat by a morning excursion to another institute, known locally as the "Nappy's Shop." The final stage of the Tour is now undertaken, and the now weary traveller finds himself escorted back in considerable state to the point from which he started. At the reception held here, attendance at which is compulsory, the tourist has an opportunity of relating his experiences, otherwise known as

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"Stating his case." This generally concludes the tour, but occasionally an adventurous spirit finds his way from here to another healthy though somewhat unpopular resort on a hill near by.

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TA TWA GUNS.

Her nainsel she pe born in Mull
Sometime pefore ta young man,
And mony sogers she has seen
We' twa guns on their arm, man,
She's seen ta "Flag" go roon an' roon'"
And call oot "Wher are you, man ?
Tak these wee guns and sew them on
Ta arm of your best serge, man."

Ta thing that she pe wonder at
As she be gangin' roon, man,
Pe what the bonny guns are for
Tat shines upon ta arm man.
But noo she'll no be sic a fool
She'll ken about it a' man,
Tat these wee praws are giein'oot
For shooting of a bull man.

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Rumours, especially about the forthcoming manœuvres, have been pretty thick during the past month. Most of them are "dead secrets" of course, and all of them are vouched for by those in the know. Supplementary details may be gathered at any time of an evening by speculating in a two anna supper in the supper-room and listening to the general conversation of the patrons. Early editions can always be obtained with the morning shave at the Barber's Shop.

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Monday—The manœuvres are to last two months and three days and are to take place near Deolali.

Tuesday—The manœuvres are to last six weeks only and the Poona Division fight the Quetta Division. (This event will take place under strict service conditions.)

Wednesday—The manœuvres are to be held at Belgaum and are to last for one month exactly. (This information is very exact).

Thursday—General fatigue for all ranks to air the mobilisation equipment, as the Baltic Fleet are shortly expected in the Mutha-Mula.

Friday—Mines are being laid below the Bund bridge and the troops will be supplied with buckets and held in readiness to empty all pools of water in the river bed in case the Russian Navy *do* attempt the passage of the river.

Saturday—Owing to the insufficiency of water in the Mutha-Mula the Baltic fleet are not expected in Poona this season, therefore the manœuvres will be held in any other suitable locality.

Sunday—The manœuvres will commence after Church Parade and the Troops will be out for ten days. Bully, Biscuits, and Bivouacs as usual.

ODDS AN' ENS.

Athletics.

FOOTBALL.
THE HARRIS CUP TOURNAMENT.

Ninety-Third Highlanders v. East Lancashire Regiment.

The competition, open to the troops in this Command for the splendid silver cup presented by Lord Harris, a former Governor of Bombay, saw the Ninety-Third drawn against their old opponents, the team representing the East Lancashire Regiment. A great amouut of interest therefore was taken in the tie and the inclement weather did not prevent several hundreds of both teams from turning out to the Poona Gymkhana Ground to witness the game.

Kicking off at 5 p.m. the Lancashire men at once attacked the Highlanders' goal, but the defence proved quite equal and only served to put the Ninety-Third men on their mettle. Assuming the aggressive they turned the tables by pressing hard, with the result that Pollock almost secured a goal, the ball, however, going over the posts. The Highlanders still pressed, and a neat piece of dribbling by Lapsley, Pollock and Quinn, gave them the lead by a goal. The Lancashires braced up at this reverse, but only for a few minutes, the Highlanders forcing them to act on the defensive and shortly after a second goal being scored against them half time was reached, the score standing Ninety-Third, 2 goals; East Lancashire, Nil.

The second half saw the game pretty evenly played, but all the chances the Lancashire men had were nullified by the Highlanders' defence, and after some dangerous dashes on both sides the whistle was blown leaving the score unaltered. The Regiment was represented as follows:

Goal:—Mullen; Backs: Wallace and Ballantine; Half backs: McLean, Lapsley, and Mowatt: Forwards: Pollock, Fleming, Hogg, McLay and Quinn.

Ninety-Third Highlanders v. Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

The Cup holders having come up from Belgaum with every intention of retaining the trophy for yet another season, an exciting final was expected, and the spectators who were hardy enough to brave the elements were rewarded by witnessing an interesting match, although the fact that the ground was in wretched condition mitigated against anything like accurate play.

The Warwicks kicked off, the Ninety-Third defending the Gymkhana goal, and three or four minutes later, a bit of exceptionally smart manœuvring enabled the Highlanders to secure the first goal from the foot of Galbraith. The Englishmen being now on their mettle played up well and for

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a few moments caused some anxiety to their opponents following, but a foul given against them relieved the pressure; the ball was soon cleared and Galbraith had hard lines in not securing another point. Even play followed for some time and as the rain was then coming down in torrents, the Referee, Sergeant D'Arcy, held a council of war as to the advisability of continuing the match under such adverse conditions. The contestants, however, having expressed a wish to proceed, the match went on, with the result that although the Highlanders on the whole were the aggressive side, the Warwicks occasionally gave some anxious moments. The first half closed with the "Rories" leading by one goal to nothing.

On resuming, although the rain still continued pouring heavily, the play was, at first, fairly fast and exciting, the Warwicks strenuously endeavouring to equalize matters. Not to say that they had the best of the exchanges as three corners given against them were very nearly productive of points for the Highlanders. Rather an exciting moment occurred when a penalty was given against the "Rories" inside their circle. But Mullen proved his worth and saved the situation This led to the Warwicks having a hot five minutes, resulting in a goal being kicked which however was disallowed for being off-side. The Warwicks' play now slackened off, and as the Highlanders were satisfied with the goal in hand, the whistle went without any further scoring and we became winners of the match and the cup by one goal to nothing.

The cup was then presented to the Battalion by Colonel Harwood, who, in a few words, expressed the hope that next season would see them again winners.

Local opinion congratulates the winners on their success while sympathising with the losers on their gallant fight for the retention of the trophy, and we heartily congratulate Sergeant Wallace and his men on securing for the Battalion such a noteworthy addition to the already long list of successes in the football field. The team consisted of the following :—Goal : Mullen. Backs : Reid and Ballantine. Half backs: McLean, Lapsley and Mowatt. Forwards: Pollock, Fleming, Quinn: McLay and Galbraith.

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THE AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

In the first round the Regimental team met the East Lancashire Regiment at the Poona Gymkhana Club Ground, and after a keenly contested encounter emerged winners by 3 goals to 1, thus entering the Semi-final, where they found as their opponents the Poona Gymkhana Club. This meeting took place before a large gathering, and early in the game it was apparent that if the Highlanders were to win they would have exceedingly hard work. However, luck was dead against them, and half time saw the Gymkhana leading by 3 goals to love. In the second half the Ninety-Third played magnificiently on the aggressive, but the Gymkhana players had all the good fortune with the result that the game ended in a win for the ground team of five goals to one. The following represented the Battalion : Lieutenants J. Kenndy, O. C. Herbert, R. R. Forbes, L. St. C. Cheape, and R. D. Falconar-Stewart, Privates Skene, Ballantyne, Eite, Benson, McPherson and Stewart.

FOOT RACING.

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Piper John Wright worthily upheld the sporting reputation of his Regiment when he competed at the Bombay Gymkhana Meeting held in Bombay in the early part of the month. He secured the first prize and a spendid silver cup in the half mile cross country race, and in the one mile Amateur Championship of India he secured second place, taking with it a second silver cup. We understand that as Piper Wright was not satisfied with the result of this latter race he has challenged the winner and we await with interest the outcome of his challenge.

CYCLING.

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We have pleasure in recording the success of our representatives at the Annual Sports of the Poona Wheelers Cycle Club which took place during October. In the Forty miles Road Handicap seventeen started, the entries from the Battalion being Piper Wright, "E" Company, and Privates Gray and Rarity, "H" Company. The record of two hours six minutes was broken by no less than seven competitors the fastest time (1 hour 57 minutes) being made by Private Rarity. All three secured prizes, and but for an accident to Piper Wright, and Private Rarity remaining behind to help him, no doubt the first place would have been secured by one of the trio.

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PLAINTS ON THE "PAY."

When sitting in the Butts, a-marking up the "Bulls,"
I heard the markers say : "What a lot o' blooming fools ;
They're only wasting lead, and firin' till they're fed,
And trying for the higher rate of pay."

When in bed the other day, I heard a sojer say,
"I won't be here to-night, on picquet will be gay,
Marching to the town, and strollin' round and roun'
And all in the higher rate of pay."

"Drunk and Breaking out"—the sergeant gave a shout,
And in the guardroom I was quickly laid, [clear,
When the C.O. said "Look here, take fourteen days," it's
That I'm now upon a lower rate of pay.

I have read the "orders" now, my names not there I vow,
For I've taken on to do my blessed eight ;
So now I cannot skip, on to the great big ship,,
As I'm sojerin' for the higher rate of pay.

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Company Field Firing.

A standing camp was formed during October and November at Karakwasla, where company field firing and field training were carried out under service conditions. The ground was excellent, but some found the grass too high and very wet in the mornings.

"B" and "G" Companies marched out there on the 22nd November, and by starting early arrived in camp comfortably before the sun got too hot. The next ten days were fully occupied with practical work—entrenching and ball firing. Attack and defence was also carried out between the companies, a great deal of blank ammunition was fired off and both sides are quite sure they got the best of it. Mess tins were used for cooking and prizes given for the best results, these were won by: "B" company—1st Prize, Private Smith; 2nd Prize, Private Stevenson. "G" Company—1st Prize Lce.-Corporal Kirkland, 2nd Prize, Drummer Wardrope. Several keen sportsmen were able to catch fish (some very strange ones too) in Lake Fife, and although we had some heavy rain there was no sickness. A most profitable and enjoyable time was spent and all felt very well able to face the twelve mile march back to Poona which was done at the rate of four miles an hour. On arrival in Barracks we were treated to supper in the supper room

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Shooting.

Regimental Shooting Club.

As the companies at Musketry during the month almost monopolised the ranges the Regimental Club had little opportunity of attempting anything more than desultory practice and a weekly competition for 3rd class shots, so on the few occasions the range was at its disposal, practice for the various competitions at the local meeting of the Bombay Presidency Rifle Association usually took place. The majority of the companies will have finished their annuul course by the time the meeting takes place, so that all intending competitors will be fairly conversant with the Wanowrie Range, and consequently we expect the Ninety-Third representatives to secure a good position in the prize lists.

Army (abroad) Inter-Company Match.

Two opportunities were given for practice for this important Trophy, and, although all the company teams could not put in an appearance, the experience gained by those who did will stand them in good stead when the competition proper takes place.

The Queen Victoria Cup.

The Battalion having entered a team for the first time since 1900, every available afternoon has been devoted to practice. Although some of those practising are former members of the Regimental team, a fair percentage of new blood has been introduced, and the experience of the former combined with the vim of the latter may, we trust, lead to great possibilities.

The Cup was won last year by the exceptionally high average of 95·75, but as this year sighting shots have been dispensed with, a lower average will probably be successful.

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THIRD CLASS SHOTS' COMPETITION.

The following is the result of the Competition for Third Class Shots which was held on the Saturday afternoons in October. During the latter half of the month it was impossible to hold the competition owing to so many being out in camp, while duties for those left in barracks were proportionately heavy, preventing their attendance. The following are the prize-winners:—

Aggregate Prize.

			Scores			Total.
1st	Private Menzies,	"C" Coy.	18	16	21	55
2nd	,, Gallachar,	"B" ,,	17	16	16	49
3rd	,, Carlin,	"C" ,,	14	16	17	47

Saturday, 1st October—seven rounds (5 to count) 3rd Class Target. 200 yards.

			Score.
1st	Private Elliott,	"E" Coy.	19
2nd	,, McFarlane,	"B" ,,	18
3rd	,, Menzies,	"C" ,,	18
4th	,, Gallacher,	"B" ,,	17
5th	,, (8084) McMillan,	"C" ,,	17
6th	,, McGibbon,	"B" ,,	17
7th	,, McDonald,	"G" ,,	17
8th	,, Lothian,	"B" ,,	17

Saturday, 8th October—Seven rounds (5 to count) 2nd Class Target. 500 yards.

			Score.
1st	Private Kilrain,	"A" Coy.	17
2nd	,, Carlin,	"C" ,,	16
3rd	,, Gallacher,	"C" ,,	16
4th	,, Menzies,	"C" ,,	16
5th	,, Hay,	"C" ,,	12
6th	,, Smith,	"C" ,,	12
7th	,, Conway,	"C" ,,	10
8th	,, Higgings,	"C" ,,	10

Saturday, 15th October—Seven Shots in 45 seconds, 200 yards. 3rd Class Target.

			Score.
1st	Private McArthur,	"G" Coy.	22
2nd	,, Hannah,	"A" ,,	21
3rd	,, Menzies,	"C" ,,	21
4th	,, Gibson,	"G" ,,	19
5th	,, Marsh,	,,	19

Sergeants' Balaklava Ball.

The Sergeants of the Battalion celebrated "Balaklava" by giving a Ball to their numerous friends in Poona, which, for convenience, was held on the 26th instead of 25th, the 50th anniversary of the world-famous battle. The dance

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was arranged to come off in the large room in the M. I. Lines, but at the last moment, the day previous to the dance in fact, it was found that the room could not be obtained as the Mounted Infantry, who were to have gone out to camp on the 24th, were unable to go owing to inclement weather. It says much for the energy of Colour-Sergeant Ewan and the Committee who were entrusted with the general arrangements that so much success attended their efforts. The Mess-room was turned into a fairly large sized Ball room at the shortest notice by knocking the Reading Room and Billiard Room into one. Five large marquees made a convenient and comfortable supper-tent, and another three made excellent accommodation for liquor refreshments. The garden, which was utilized for sitting out between the dances, lay between the supper tents and the dance room, and was tastefully lighted up by Chinese lanterns suspended from the trees, and as the moon was at its full height the effect was very pretty.

A very large number of guests were present, including officers of the Regiment and officers of other corps in the station. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m., the regimental string band, under the able leadership of Corporal Walker, supplying the music. Sergeant Alder made an efficient M.C. and supplied a capital programme of dances. The Highland Reels and Schottisches were as usual the feature of the evening, and were danced with much spirit. The music for the Highland dances was supplied by Lance Corporal Maclachlan and Piper Gunn. The supper was excellent and was certainly a great improvement on that purveyed at the last Balaklava Ball held at Calcutta two years ago. The congratulations of all are due to Colour-Sergeant Ewan, Sergeant Alder, and the other members of the Committee who worked so hard to make the dance what it really was—a success.

MARKSMANSHIP AND THE USE OF ALCOHOL.

The Swiss have been lately carrying out some experiments which must have presented, to some extent, an unusual interest to the rank and file. With a view to test the effect which the use of alcohol has upon markmanship in particular and the use of the rifle in general, a whole battalion has recently been made use of under the following conditions. The distance at which the targets were placed was 500 metres (546½ yards) and the practice was carried out as under (1) after total abstinence—we are not told for what duration of time, (2) after drinking the previous evening, (3) after drinking the same day and (4) after a heavy bout of drinking on the day of practice. The result has been held to prove that although alcohol is certainly a stimulant and was of good effect when fighting was carried on hand to hand or over short distances, it is positively harmful now that fire is opened at long ranges and carried on for long duration of time, inasmuch as alcohol seriously impairs the judgement and diminishes the powers of observation. Were we to introduce such experiments into the annual course of musketry they would, we are sure, be immensely popular, although there would no doubt be a large proportion of the experimenters who would violently disagree with the conclusion arrived at by the Swiss military authorities.—*Broad Arrow.*

A CENTENARIAN.

The *Empress* has the following interesting paragraph:—Shekh Imamudin is probably one of the oldest subjects of our King still in harness. He is Moulvi of the 18th Infantry now stationed at Fort William, Calcutta. As Moulvi, or Regimental Chaplain to the native ranks, who are all Mussulmans, he receives the princely stipend of eight rupees a month, which is little more than ten shillings. According to his Descriptive Roll and Record of Service his father's name was Shekh Muhammad. He is a Shekh Kureshi; his height is now five feet, being slightly bent with age, his chest is 34 inches, his waist is 32 inches. He was formerly a householder, and his complexion is fair for a native. His home was the village of Mark Basi, in the Hafizabad Pergunnah of the Gujranwalla District, Punjab. When he enlisted, in the 18th Bengal Infantry on the 1st September, 1896, his age was recorded as 122 years; so if this is correct he would be now nearly 130 years of age. He is a Punjabi, and knows Punjabi, Urdu, Persian and Arabic, and reads easily without spectacles, which he has never worn. He is greatly respected and liked by all the native soldiers and camp followers of his own religion. The Moulvi was twice married and had two sons; one died not long ago. He was fairly old, he states, when the first Sikh war took place. He declares he has seen, when he was young, Mahan Singh, the father of Ranjit Singh, who died about 1788 A.D. A native officer in his regiment states that in 1882, when he was serving in the 8th Bengal Infantry, the Moulvi was the Private Chaplain to two Mussulman companies of that Regiment, and he was then supposed to be about 100 years old, and then appeared to be much the same as he does now. He volunteered to go to Mauritius with his regiment in 1900, but was obliged to remain at the depôt. He is an active, intelligent old man for his age, and, to the best of our knowledge, has never been sick or sorry. He walks about all day and climbs and descends steps fairly easily. His hearing is nearly as good as his eyesight. On account of his age great opposition was made to his appointment, but his religious supporters did not wish any other Moulvi. The Military Accounts Department for a long time objected also to his small pay, on account of his age, but that objection was overruled. It is a well-known fact that natives are very vague about their ages. If the venerable old Moulvi had been in Government employ from his youth upwards, we should have much stronger proofs.

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Description of the Short Lee-Enfield Rifle.

The new rifle is five inches shorter and 1 lb. to 1¼ lb. lighter than the present Lee-Enfield Mark I Rifle.

The magazine holds ten rounds, and is filled by cartridges carried in chargers holding five rounds each, in a manner similar to the Mauser rifle. Guides to hold the charger are fitted on the bolt-head and body, and the five cartridges can be pressed out of it into the magazine by the thumb, and to facilitate this the body is cut away somewhat on the left side. There is no cut-off, except in rifles made for the Navy. There is a safety catch on the left of the body which locks the bolt and cocking-piece in either the full cock or fired position. This catch is also made so as to obviate the possibility of the bolt being lost by mounted troops.

The barrel is rather smaller in external diameter and five inches shorter than that of the existing rifle, *i.e.*, 25.2 inches long instead of 30·2 inches. The foresight block carries a barley-corn, which is adjusted before issue, so as to suit the shooting of the rifle. Hitherto the sighting of all rifles of one pattern has been determined by trials of a number of that pattern, whereby the best average position of the foresight has been ascertained, and then all rifles of that pattern have had their foresights (which were not adjustable) accurately manufactured in that position: this has been ensured by careful gauging, but the correctness of the sighting of each rifle has not been tested by shooting. As, however, the shooting of every rifle of one pattern is not identical, it has been decided that in future each rifle before issue is to have its sight tested by firing, and adjusted by the use of suitable barley-corns. High and low barley-corns differ from normal by ·015 inch.

The backsight (which is very similar to that of the Krag Jorgensen Rifle) consists of a leaf pivoted to the front end of the bed; it is raised by moving the slide which rests on curved ramps, and which is held in position by catches which engage in a toothed rack on each side of the leaf; the rack allows of the sight being set for every 50 yards from 200 to 2,000. The catches are released by studs made of bone, so that they can be handled however hot the rifle may be. The V is a small one, as that was generally preferred after trials of different shapes. A pair of ears, or lugs, is provided so as to protect the cap of the backsight. This cap is capable of a fine adjustment, by means of which any elevation intermediate between the 50-yards intervals can be given; the graduations of the fine adjustment fitting are equivalent to 6 inches on a vertical target at 100 yards range. There is a windgauge with similar graduations. A dial sight is provided, ranging from 1,600 to 2,800 yards.

The bolt and body are generally similar to those of the Lee-Enfield rifle, except for the fittings for charger loading alluded to above, the abolition of the bolt cover and of the extension for the safety catch. The bolt handle is set closer to the body than formerly. A slot cut in the bolt head acts as a key when stripping and assembling the striker and cocking-piece, and the bolt can thus be stripped without the aid of tools.

The trigger is so constructed as to give a double or drag pull off, the total pull being 5 to 6lbs., of which the first pull is from 3 to 4lbs.

The butt plate is of steel, and there is no butt trap. The cleaning material is carried on the man's equipment.

A nose-cap is attached to the fore-end and carries two high wings to protect the fore-sight and an extension on which the bayonet fixes; this latter is, therefore, not attached directly to the barrel.

The stock is divided into butt and fore-end. Butts of three lengths (half an inch difference between each size) are used; they are secured by a stock bolt which is prevented from unscrewing by a keeper plate on the fore-end. The fore-end and a long hand-guard completely cover the barrel, except where the sights are attached, so that it can be easily handled when hot.

Special care has been taken to keep the barrel free in the fore-end, and not to allow it to be gripped tightly by the stock or bands, as, if gripped, the shooting may be seriously affected.

Except for the above points and a few minor details, the fittings are similar to those of the Lee-Enfield Rifle Mark I.

The following are some of the chief particulars:—

Length of barrel	25 3/16 inches.
Calibre	·303 inch.
Rifleing	Enfield.
Grooves number	5.
Widths of lands	·0936 inch.
Twist, left-handed	1 turn in 10 inches.
Distance between barley-corn and back sight V.	1 foot 7 5/32 inches.
Length of rifle	3 feet 8 9/16 ,,
Length of rifle with sword bayonet	4 ,, 8 11/16 ,,
Weight of rifle, magazine empty	8 lbs. 2½ ozs.

The sword-bayonet differs from the existing pattern in the fittings for attachment to the rifle; it weighs 1lb. 0½oz, and its blade is 12½ inches long.

The charger is made of steel, and is larger than that for the rimless Mauser cartridges.

The mean muzzle velocity of the shortened rifle is 2,025 feet seconds, or about 30 feet per second greater than that of the long rifle. Prolonged accuracy trials have shown that when fired from the shoulder there is very little to choose in point of accuracy between the shortened rifle and the Lee-Enfield.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for December, 1904.

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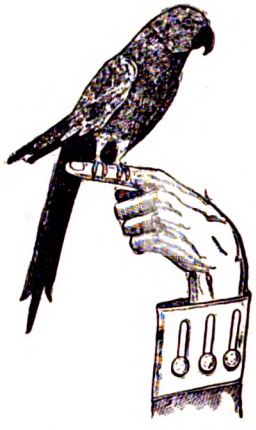
1. Th.
2. F.
3. S. March Sialkote to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Karnal.
4. S. All detachments in Cholera Camp rejoined headquarters at Hattee, near Cambellpore, 1862.
5. M.
6. Tu. Defeat of the Gwalior Contingent at Cawnpore, 1857.
7. W. Hattee for Sialkote, 1862.
8. Th. Pursuit of the rebels on Bithor Road by Sir Hope Grant, 1857.
9. F. Rebels dispersed at Serai Ghat, 1857. Joined force of Sir N. Chamberlain in camp at the Umbeyla Pass, 1863.
10. S. Lieut. General Edward Parkinson, C.B., Colonel, 1852. March to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Delhi. Lieut. General Sir Henry William Stisted, K.C.B., died Colonel, 1875.
11. S. Lieut. General Freeman Murray, Colonel 1875, Disaster to the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, 1899; Lieutenant Colonel J. L. J. Goff and Major Sidney Robinson, formerly 93rd killed at the head of the Ninety-first.
12. M. Martini-Henry rifles issued, 1874.
13. Tu. Tochi Campaign. Return of Maizar Column to Boya, 1897.
14. W. Arrived detachments, Barbadoes, 1823.
15. Th. Left Wing, Shahjahanpur for Bareilly, 1898.
16. F.
17. S. Arrived Barbadoes, 1823.
18. S.
19. M.
20. Tu. Lieut. Colonel S. Leith-Hay, C.B., retired 1860. Left Wing, arrived Bareilly from Shahjahanpur, 1898.
21. W. Arrived Barbadoes, 1823. Robert Lockhart Ross, C.B., Colonel, 1860.
22. Th.
23. F. Bivouac near New Orleans, attacked in force by Americans who were repulsed, 1814.
24. S. 2nd Battalion, 93rd, disbanded, Sunderland, 1815.
25. S.
26. M. Lieut. Colonel H. Milling retired, 1822 (never joined). Hon. Sir Charles Gordon, Kt., to command, 1822.
27. Tu. Jhansi for Cawnpore *en route* to England, 1869, strength, 21 officers, 449 N.C.O's. and men.
28. W. First unsuccessful attack on New Orleans, 1814, New Pattern bayonet issued, 1877, 4½ inches longer than formerly.
29. Th. March to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Agra.
30. F. Arrived Sialkote from Cholera Camp Peshawar, 1862. This cholera epidemic resulted in 93 deaths.
31. S.

What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from ft.]

THAT it flew out to Karakwasla and heard the following:—

That its twelve miles in English and thirteen in Hindustani.

That he would have been better had he stayed where he didn't go to.

That the man who stole his tobacco Pouch can smoke it.

That he wanted the keys for the lock he lost.

That Curiopatkin defeated Korokee at the tent walls.

That he is a grand whistler in his sleep.

That the fitba match last Saturday wis a graun affair.

That it fetched a pot.

That he wis looking for a fifteen Rupee Note he lost.

That the fifteen rupee note yarn staggered it and caused it to fly home to listen to the following in Poona:

That he belonged to the 93rd and not to the Baltic Squadron.

That he wanted tae ken who paid for the Irish mail.

[This, so the noble bird whispered to us in confidence, is the designation of a supper on guard.—Ed.]

That he sent his trews to the mangle to get starched for the T. A. dance.

That its hurry up Q company and get the light stuff up before Z company come down.

That he didna ken his ain company.

That it happened to be Z company he wis talking to.

That he wis sitting and the rifle knocked him down.

That he had an egg supper yae morning.

That he wanted Tinned meat such as fish and that.

That he saluted the telephone at the butts and said All ready Sir—Wait till we shove out the Guard-boy.

That the boiling water was not warm yet.

That if he kept it longer he would get the price of a dib for it.

That he wanted tae ken when the Irish Mail came in.

That Jock had a painless toothache.

That his aunty was an Irishman.

That he could have been born a girl if he wished.

That he would get ague if he had to pay for a quart.

That "Spitoon" is the countersign for the sentries on "E" Coy's. stairs on a Saturday morning.

HARD ON THE STAFF.

The "Club Chatterer" of "To-Day" tells the following story about a well-known and somewhat pompous general. The general in question, it appears, was going to adjudicate upon some manœuvres which were taking place at some distance from his headquarters, and as he was somewhat pressed for time, he did not change into uniform, but drove to the station in mufti, intending to change in his saloon. On arriving at the station, he found the officers of his staff awaiting him, and the train drawn up at the platform. There was no evidence, however, of the reserved saloon compartment, and no one seemed to know where it was. At last the general took it upon himself to go and look, and, in an exceedingly bad temper, he pounced upon a guard, and tapping him smartly on the shoulder with his cane, asked him to point out the saloon where he and his staff were to go. The guard, who did not know the general, and who hated being tapped, calmly surveyed his questioner. Then he said: "You can take any saloon you like. As for your blooming staff, shove it on the hat-rack of course."

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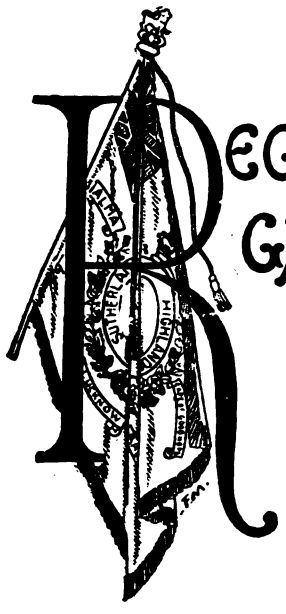

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant :—No. 7764 Lance Sergeant (Acting Sergeant) E. Harvey, "F" Company, dated 24th October, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Lance Sergeant:—No. 3880 Sergeant (Acting Lance Sergeant) J. Douglas, "G" Company, dated 24th October, 1904.

To be Regimental Provost Sergeant :—No. 5764 Sergeant J. Sim, "D" Company, dated 5th October, 1904.

To be Acting Schoolmaster :—No. 6619 Lance Corporal W. McKinnon, "G" Company, dated 8th October, 1904.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal while employed on Regimental Police :—No. 7476 Private J. McLuckie, "C" Company, dated 7th October, 1904.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal while employed as 3rd Class Drill Instructor to Poona Volunteer Corps :—No. 4706 Private J. Bain, "E" Company, dated 8th October, 1904.

To be Assistant Instructors and Regimental Signallers with effect from 1st April, 1904 :—

No. 5291 Lance Sergeant R. Tawse, "D" Coy.	No. 4571 Corpl. J. Hiddles, "E" Company.
,, 5117 Lance Corporal S. McVea, "C" Coy.	,, 5475 Pte. J. Robertson, "B" Company.
,, 5733 Pte. J. Dawson, "C" Company.	,, 5359 Pte. W. Glen, "E" Company.
,, 4792 Pte. G. Cunningham, "G" Company.	,, 5327 Pte. H. West, "E" Company.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporal :—
No. 5716 Lance Corporal T. McGeechan, "F" Company, dated 12th October, 1904.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED OR RESTORED.

Class I. at Sevenpence :—

"A" Company.

No. 7070 Pte. A. Bain. | No. 7071 Pte. J. Connelly.

"B" Company.

No. 6421 Pte. C. Gallacher. | No. 6362 Pte. J. Kelly.
,, 7074 ,, W. Shirra. | ,, 7104 ,, W. Smith.

"F" Company.

No. 7075 Private D. McKay.

"G" Company.

No. 7014 Pte. J. Scott. | No. 7037 Pte. J. McFadden.

Class I. at Sixpence :—

"B" Company.

No. 7942 Pte. J. Campbell. | No. 7896 Pte. W. Reid.

"D" Company.

No. 8884 Private T. Lauder.

GOOD CONDUCT PAY AND BADGES.

Granted Three G.C. Badges :—

"A" Company.

No. 4331 Lance Corporal C. Armour.

"G" Company.

No. 4530 Private D. Macdonald.

Granted Two G.C. Badges :—

"B" Company.

No. 7074 Private W. Shirra.

"C" Company.

No. 4311 Lce.-Cpl. A. Wight. | No. 9393 Pte. W. Hill.
No. 7077 Private J. Gardner.

"D" Company.

No. 7013 Private J. Griffiths.

"F" Company.

No. 7075 Private D. McKay.

Granted One G.C. Badge :—

"A" Company.

No. 6511 Private J. Lamie.

"B" Company.

No. 6812 Pte. T. Caldwell. | No. 5474 Pte. J. Scott.
,, 8041 ,, C. Hughes. | ,, 7381 ,, R. McFarlane

"C" Company.

No. 6555 Pte. J. Smith. | No. 8037 Pte. G. Wright.
No. 7042 Private J. Gunning.

"D" Company.

No. 8884 Private T. Lauder.

"E" Company.

No. 7530 Pte. A. Kerr. | No. 6397 Pte. J. Wright.

"G" Company.

No. 7080 Pte. D. Gow. | No. 7916 Pte. J. McMath.

"H" Company.

No. 6415 Pte. J. Caskie. | No. 5087 Pte. W. Ferguson.

Granted 2nd G.C. Pay :—
No. 6277 Private W. Crichton, "E" Company.

CERTIFICATES.

Qualified for Cooking Certificate at Examination held at Poona on 30th September, 1904 :—

No. 4399 Sergeant E. G. Cody, "C" Company.

AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION DATED POONA, 7TH OCTOBER, 1904.

Third Class :—

"A" Company.

No. 8212 Pte. H. Glynn. | No. 8428 Pte. W. Watson.
4749 Private L. Durick.

"B" Company.

No. 7939 Pte. R. Millar. | No. 8986 Pte. F. Elton.
,, 7492 ,, G. Douglas. | ,, 7758 ,, J. Flockhart.
No. 7091 Private W. Monteith.

"C" Company.

No. 1858 Private G. Morrison.

"E" Company.

No. 4618 Lce.-Cpl. J. Adams. | No. 4949 Pte. J. Chalmers

"F" Company.

No. 8291 Lce.-Cpl. G. Erskine. | No 7598 Pte. J. Duncan
No. 7702 Private T. Wilson.

"H" Company.

No. 7874 Private G. Christie.

Second Class :—

No. 7757 Lce.-Corpl. W. Bell, "A" Company.
,, 7942 Private J. Campbell, "B" ,,
,, 6523 Lce.-Cpl. T. McDermott, "C" ,,
,, 7856 Private G. Smith, "D" ,,
,, 7177 ,, W. Reid, "D" ,,
,, 8088 ,, D. McNab, "D" ,,
,, 8284 ,, G. McIntosh, "E" ,,
,, 5546 Lce.-Cpl. J. McLachlan, "H" ,,
,, 7529 Private A. Wilson, "H" ,,

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MUSKETRY.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and men of "B" Company are entitled to Marksmen's Badges :—

No. 2735 Colour Sergeant J. Tyndall (Best shot of Coy.)

No. 7095 Lance Corporal J. McGregor.	No. 7191 Lance Corporal J. Mackenzie.
,, 7422 Lance Corporal R. Swan.	,, 7449 Pte. C. Hunter.
,, 6684 Private J. Smith	,, 8137 ,, R. English.
,, 4981 ,, J. Malone.	,, 5182 ,, T. Morrison.
	,, 8986 ,, F. Elton.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engaged to complete twenty-one years service :—

No. 4567 Sergeant D. Inglis, "E" Company.
,, 4359 Private W. Benson, "G" ,,
,, 8966 ,, J. A. Borgen, "G" ,,

Extended to complete twelve years service with the Colours :—

No. 5945 Sergeant A. McCrae, "E" Company.
,, 7784 Drummer J. Stewart, "F" ,,

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 8137 Piper L. A. Planner, "F" Company.

NUMBER ALLOTTED.

The Number "9517" has been allotted to Private J. Cowie, "B" Company.

SERVICE RESTORED.

In accordance with Para. 1842, K.R.

No. 5876 Private W. Candlish, "E" Company.

EMPLOYMENT.

To be employed in Officers' Mess as Silverman :—

No. 7867 Private G. Maxwell, "D" Company.

FURLOUGHS.

No. 4621 Pte. J. White. "C" Coy., from Oct. 1904, to 20th Dec. 1904.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

No. 2760 Q.M.S. J. Gunn, rejoined from officiating Sergeant-Major at Mount Abu, taken on strength and posted to "C" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

EMBARKED ON H.T. "ASSAYE" FOR ENGLAND ON 12TH OCTOBER, 1904.

To Army Reserve :—

No. 5643 Pte. W. Hogg, "C" Coy.	No. 5946 Pte. R. Haywood, "F" Coy.
,, 5908 ,, M. McKenzie, "G" Coy.	,, 5975 ,, J. Brady, "H" ,,
,, 5935 ,, D. McAulay, "E" ,,	,, 5938 ,, J. McLennan, "H" Coy.
,, 5970 ,, R. Younger, "G" ,,	,, 5983 ,, W. Stevenson, "E" Coy.
,, 5947 ,, H. McMenamen, "H" Coy.	,, 5892 ,, J. Adams, "G" ,,
,, 6004 ,, A. Mulholland, "G" Coy.	,, 5897 ,, J. McGugan, "G" Coy.
,, 6008 ,, A. Lyon, "H" ,,	,, 6033 ,, G. Richardson, "H" Coy.
,, 5906 ,, D. Fyffe, "G" ,,	,, 6051 ,, A. Rodham, "G" ,,
,, 5903 ,, J. Hamilton, "H" Coy.	,, 6067 ,, H. Love, "H" ,,
,, 6015 ,, M. Harper, "F" ,,	,, 6069 ,, J. Austruther, "G" Coy.
,, 6054 ,, A. Simpson, "E" ,,	,, 6085 ,, R. Gaitens, "G" ,,
,, 6058 ,, R. Wilson, "H" ,,	,, 5997 ,, J. McGuire, "E" ,,
,, 6086 ,, J. McColl, "G" ,,	,, 6203 ,, W. McKinley, "G" Coy.
,, 6144 ,, J. Munro, "F" ,,	,, 6125 ,, G. Patrick, "E" ,,
,, 6090 ,, M. McPhee, "E" ,,	,, 6106 ,, J. Blackie, "G" ,,
,, 5981 ,, T. McNair, "F" ,,	,, 6120 ,, J. Munro, "F" ,,
,, 6126 ,, J. Clarke, "H" ,,	,, 6200 ,, G. Lumsden, "F" ,,
,, 6134 ,, J. Ferns, "E" ,,	,, 6312 ,, A. Wallace, "E" ,,
,, 6138 ,, D. Thomson, "F" ,,	,, 6243 ,, R. Ross, "F" ,,
,, 6190 ,, G. Ellis, "K" ,,	,, 6238 ,, J. Smith, "G" ,,
,, 6216 ,, D. Brady, "G" ,,	,, 6272 ,, J. Leitch, "G" ,,
,, 6248 ,, J. Murray, "G" ,,	,, 6266 ,, J. McLaren, "F" ,,
,, 6254 ,, C. McLean, "E" ,,	,, 6296 ,, J. Gellately, "C" ,,
,, 6263 ,, J. Woodside, "F" ,,	
,, 6277 ,, W. Crichton, "E" ,,	
,, 5448 ,, R. Watt, "B" Coy.	
,, 5923 ,, A. Brown, "G" ,,	

Time expired men :—

No. 4436 Pte. T. McMullen, "F" Coy.	No. 4505 Pte. G. Barnes, "E" Coy.
,, 5778 ,, E. Blythe, "B" ,,	,, 4509 ,, A. McNeil, "F" ,,
,, 4530 ,, D. McDonald, "G" ,,	,, 4525 ,, R. Scott, "F" ,,
,, 4534 ,, C. Smith, "A" ,,	,, 4552 ,, D. Clark, "E" ,,

No. 4562 Private A. Adams, "C" Company.

Invalids :—

No. 7117 Lce.-Cpl. C. Mulholland, "G" Coy.	No. 5947 Pte. A. Morrison, "H" Coy.
,, 6740 Pte. W. Bryce, "C" Coy.	,, 6608 ,, T. Rennie, "D" ,,

No. 7080 Private D. Gow, "G" Company.

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"C" Company.
1st No. 1890 Pte. J. McInnes. | 2nd No. 7101 Pte. W. Andrew.

"D" Company.
1st No. 6063 Pte. H. G. Munro. | 2nd No. 6973 Pte. A. Watson.

"E" Company.
1st No. 1857 Pte. P. McPherson. | 2nd No. 6391 Cpl. W. Melville.

"F" Company.
1st No. 6940 Pte. A. Brown. | 2nd No. 8085 Pte. R. Wade.

"H" Company.
1st No. 5243 Pte. H. Lawrie. | 2nd No. 7743 Pte. R. Fleming.

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Domestic Occurrences.

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NEWALL—At Poona, on the 29th September, 1904, the wife of Sergeant D. G. Newall, 93rd Highlanders, of a son,—Ronald George.

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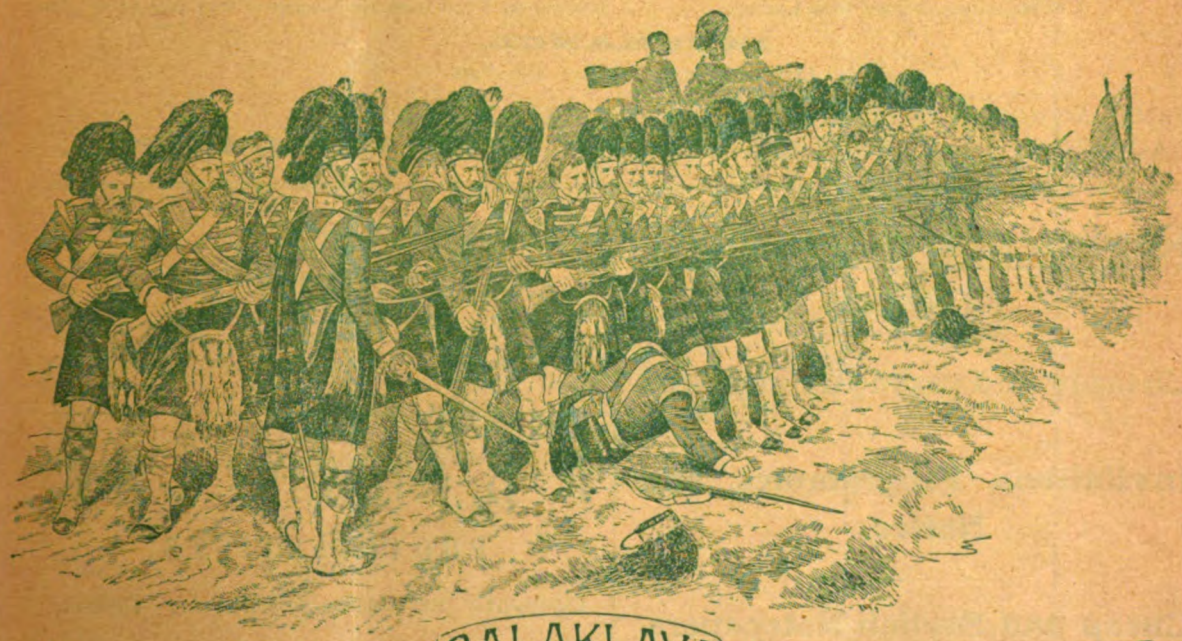

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SKIRLS.

With the incoming of November we again find ourselves enjoying comparatively cold weather, especially after Retreat, while during the day time the heat is never excessive. Serge clothing has been taken into wear for walking-out, and Poona, with the exception of the plague-stricken native quarter, is pleasant to live in.

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The Regimental Rifle Club have had a busy month of it firing for matches. Scores were sent home for the Queen Victoria Cup and Inter-Company Matches, and all the matches of the Local Meeting of the Bombay Presidency Rifle Association were fired for during November, with the exception of the Machine Gun Competition. Details of the shooting will be found in our columns this month, and we hope to receive news of the results in time for our next issue. The entries on the whole were good. We were glad to hear this, as unless interest can be awakened among all ranks in the sport and the art of marksmanship such as can be found only in match shooting, it will never be aroused by the musketry course unless as a means to an end. That end is reached when the indifferent shot makes his 140 points and is saved to Class I Service Pay till next year!

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On the return of Major H. d'E. Vallancey, D.S.O., from the School of Musketry at Deolali, he resumed the guiding reins of "H" Company, and consequent upon the postponement of the cold weather manœuvres, the Company has again started on an attempt to finish their Annual course of Gymnastics which were interrupted by the recurrence of the Musketry season.

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We have to offer our congratulations to Captain H. H. G. Hyslop on his being appointed Superintendent of Gymnasia at Umballa on his return from leave.

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The Annual Musketry course of the Battalion is now nearly completed, "A" and "F" Companies having finished, and "E" and "C" having made a commencement, the latter at Kirkee. Of "A" Company, Sergeant D.W. Stobie was the "star" with a total score of 414 points, and there are 26 marksmen; 40 first class shots; 23 second class shots; and 3 third class shots.

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In "F" Company, Corporal A. Stewart proved Company shot with a score of 369 points, and the number of marksmen is sixteen ; first class shots, 32 ; second class shots, 25; and third class, one. Captain Elphinston and Sergeant-Major Ditcham also attained marksmen.

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The principal item in the daily life of the Battalion was the inspection of the Barracks and books by Major-General Richardson, C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E., Commanding the Poona District, on the 11th instant. The Inspecting Officer went through some of the Company Bungalows, Regimental Institutes, and outhouses, where, we have little doubt, every thing was found in apple-pie order.

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Lieutenant L. St. C. Cheape, has been successful in obtaining an Instructor's Signalling Certificate.

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With the H. T. "Plassey" which sailed on 2nd November, the Battalion lost no less than twenty five N.C.O's and men, made up as follows: Time expired to Army Reserve, twelve; Transfers to Home establishment, nine; and Invalids, four.

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In our columns last month we noted the fact that the Ninety-Third had only one man serving on a three years engagement. Since then he has extended his service, with the result that the Battalion is now in the unique position, and we understand, scarcely unequalled abroad, of having no three-years men in its ranks.

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Mingled feelings hailed the postponement of the manœuvres, as preparations had been made up to the annual "digging" of the ground around the outhouses to allow the microbes to disport themselves in the absence of the troops.

We believe the postponement is due to an out break of disease among the transport animals, and that so soon as it has disappeared the manœuvres will be gone on with.

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2nd Lieutenant R. D. Falconar-Stewart, has again resumed scouting operations with a class composed of the majority of last year's scouts and a proportion of fresh men.

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The Annual Competition for Company gardens has resulted in "G" Company obtaining the first place in the competition for the Government grant, with "A" Company second. In the Regimental prize competition, "F" Company secured first place, "H" Company second place, and the "Drums" third place.

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Names have been called for of N.C.Os. and men desirous of going through a course of Mounted Infantry Training at the Wanowrie School.

School-mistress M. E. Brooke joined the Battalion from the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers during the month, and has taken over charge of the Infant School.

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The following copy of a letter from the Secretary, War Office, London, to the Lieutenant General Commanding, Western Command, India, dated 26th October, 1904, appeared in Battalion Orders during the month, and we cannot refrain from agreeing with the excellent advice which it contains : –

"In view of the recurrence of the Trooping Season, and the consequent return of many time-expired men who, on arrival, will be in need of obtaining work, I am commanded by the Army Council to bring to your notice the decided and almost universal slackness in trade at present obtaining in the United Kingdom, which in the general consensus of opinion in the country, will probably become still further aggravated during the winter months. I am, therefore, to request that you will instruct Commanding Officers to urge upon such men as may be returning home the importance of their using every endeavour, while still abroad, by communicating with their friends and former employers, to obtain the promise of employment on their arrival home. They should be made to realise fully the importance of getting into employment as early as possible, and of not refusing work because the wages offered are not what they expected or desired. They will thus have further opportunities of searching for more remunerative employment.

"The national Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers, at 119 Victoria Street, London, S. W., and with Branch Offices at every Regimental Depot and Recruiting Office in the United Kingdom, is under the patronage of the Army Council and in the receipt of a large contribution from Army Funds. This Association and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, of 122 Brompton Road, London, S.W., make every endeavour to obtain employment for ex-soldiers, and ask no fee whatever from either Employer or Employee, and Soldiers are strongly advised to apply to either of the above mentioned Societies."

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It is with great pleasure that we publish this month a portrait of our new Honorary Colonel, Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick William Traill Burroughs, K.C.B., who succeeded the late General Sir John Ewart, G.C.B., on the 18th June last. We take the liberty of printing the following extract from a letter with which the General was kind enough to accompany the portrait. "I send you the last photograph taken of me about a month ago. If I can make up my old 93rd uniform I will be done again and send you a copy of it, but

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as it is 31 years since I took it off I am afraid it may have shrunk in the interval. Lady Burroughs joins me in kindest regards to you all. It afforded me very great pleasure to find my name gazetted to the old corps."

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The following further particulars, from a letter by Sir Frederick Burroughs to Colonel Maxwell Hyslop, another Crimean and Mutiny Veteran of the 93rd, are worthy of record, and will be of interest to our readers:—"It is strange that the late Sir John Ewart's father, General Ewart, took Sir John and Arthur Rose and myself to the first levee we attended. I then succeeded Sir John in the command of No. 6 Company. He was talking to me as F.O. of the day going his rounds when his arm was shot off, and I have now succeeded my old friend as Colonel of the Regiment." We wish Sir Fredrick long life and health to enjoy the appointment.

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The Rev. Alan Cant, Chaplain, Ninety-Third Highlanders, writing in the Poona Supplement to "*Life and Work*," again calls attention to the need for papers and magazines for the men in hospital here and at Purandhar. He also informs us that all the new lamps required for lighting the church have now been secured, a sum of eighty Rupees having been subscribed by the officers of the Ninety-Third to complete the amount required to cover the cost of the lighting arrangements.

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By the courtesy of the Editor of the "*Glasgow Weekly Herald*" we have received a copy of that excellent journal, dated October 29th. In addition to an account of the Ninty-Third's share in the Battle of Balaklava, our contemporary publishes a sketch representing a new presentment of "The Thin Red Streak tipped with a line of steel" which saved the British base at Balaklava from falling into the hands of the Russian cavalry.

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From Purandhar we hear brave doings of some of our convalescents in the way of athletics. Sergeant "Davie" Inglis is apparently in the very best of form again, as we hear of him as having pulled in a Tug-of-War team which beat all comers on the hill. Sergeant Buchanan has also recovered all his old dash and spirits again, and is to be congratulated on securing a third prize in the Sergeant's Race, and also his coaching of the successful tug-of-war team. Foot racing is evidently very popular with the hill folk, as we also hear of Lance-Corporal Smith, "F" Company, and Private Fletcher, "B" Company, getting 2nd and 3rd places respectively in a quarter mile race, and Private Hope "B" Company a 3rd prize in another race. What better advertisements could Purandhar have as a health restorer than the above?

Congratulations to Lieutenant A. E. Kennedy on his obtaining the coveted second star.

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Piper Kean greatly distinguished himself at the Royal Field Artillery sports held at Kirkee recently, when he carried off in great style the Quarter mile race open to British Troops, and in doing so beat Gradey of the R.F.A., the Bombay Quarter mile champion. Although Kean only secured the first place by a few inches, the fact that he only had two days notice of the event gives him all the more credit for his fine performance.

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His Excellency Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief, having decided to present a cup annually to the most efficient British Battalion in India, a series of tests have been decided upon in order that the Battalion obtaining the highest number of points may secure the distinction. The tests, which embrace marching, scouting, night operations, attack and defence of positions, and in fact everything that tends towards the efficiency of a Battalion, will take place on the 14th, 15th and 16th of December, and we are certain the Ninety-Third will take a foremost place in the competition. However, in our next issue we hope to give our outside readers a full description of the operations.

The late Surgeon General Beath, C.B.

The late Surgeon-General Beath, who died recently at Stirling, had a record of service which extended over 43 years.

Deceased was a native of Stirling, his father having been for a long period a medical practitioner in the town, and for a number of years medical officer of the parish. Having passed the examination in the first open competition for the army Medical service, he received in 1857 an appointment on the medical staff and served on it during the Indian Mutiny, being present at the siege and capture of Lucknow. In 1859 he joined the 3rd Foot (The Buffs,) and was with his regiment in the China War of 1860, where he was present at the taking of the Tangeu and Taku Forts, for which he had a medal with clasp. Dr. Beath's foreign service extended over fourteen years, his last campaign being the Egyptian Expedition in 1882, when he was mentioned in one of the despatches of Sir Garnet Wolseley. Her late Majesty Queen Victoria conferred upon Dr. Beath the Order of the Bath, and gave him permission also to accept and wear the insignia of the Medjidie which the Khedive had conferred upon him. In December, 1882, Dr. Beath was placed on retired pay, with the honorary rank of Deputy Surgeon-General, and for some years afterwards he acted as medical officer of the double depot at Hamilton. the most onerous and responsible military charge in Scotland. He succeeded the late Dr. Jackson

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as surgeon to the garrison of Stirling Castle, a position advancing age compelled him to resign about two years ago.

The Russo-Japanese War.

During the past month both armies have continued to face one another on the Sha (or Sand) River, South of Mukden, on a front of about eighty miles. On each side improvement of entrenchments and winter quarters and re-inforcements in men and supplies have been constant, whilst minor outpost affairs only have occurred.

Much progress has been made with the improvement of the fortifications of Vladivostok, into which place British and other vessels contrive to bring large quantities of supplies of ammunition; the bulk of their cargoes probably goes by railway to Tieling to assist Kuropatkin's forces. The three cruisers are still under repair in the harbour, and are not likely to be fit for service for some time.

Progress at Port Arthur has been slow but sure. On October 30th the Japanese captured some of the N. Eastern forts, and between November 1st and 3rd by their heavy bombardment they did serious damage in the ship yard, and on 5th and 6th they exploded several magazines. On 19th they mined and occupied the counterscarp of Erhlungshan Fort; on 22nd they set on fire the buildings near the arsenal, and on 30th they captured 203 Metre Hill, W.N.W. of the harbour, whence at ranges from 4 to $5\frac{3}{4}$ miles with their seventeen ton guns they can bombard the whole harbour, including the warships

On November 15th a Russian destroyer reached Chifu in a snowstorm, carrying important despatches from Port Arthur. She was the survivor of four sent out to try and run the gauntlet of the Japanese blockading ships, who sank one and captured two; she was immediately abandoned and blown up by her commander. Three Japanese destroyers came into harbour shortly afterwards and having satisfied themselves that the ship had been destroyed left again.

The Japanese during the month captured several British and German steamers trying to get into Port Arthur and Vladivostok with contraband of war on board.

After some weeks of argument, an agreement concerning the proposed Commission of Enquiry into the North Sea outrage has been come to, and the Commissioners, of whom Great Britian, Russia, France, the United States and Austria each furnish one, commence their work in Paris in December. Its object appears to be to ascertain the truth and apportion the blame for the outrage. Being said to be responsible for the firing on the fishing boats, the Captains of the Flagship, of another warship, and of the transport Kamschatka, as well as two Lieutenants, have been detailed from the Baltic Fleet to appear before this tribunal. The Russians put forward various miraculous stories to excuse their action, and are using strenuous efforts to buy any evidence which can bolster up their theories.

Mr. Balfour in his speech at Southampton distinctly gave the world to understand that the Baltic Fleet would be detained at Vigo Bay until Russia agreed to our demand for reparation. Great indignation was naturally aroused when it was found that even as he spoke part of the Fleet was already on its way south and not interfered with by us. This discrepancy between his words and his actions has not yet been satisfactorily explained. The British Lion has had his tail trodden on so often now without his resenting it that it appears to be no longer sensible of such indignity.

The Baltic Feet coaled at Tangiers on Nov. 3rd, and then separated into two squadrons. One of 2 battleships, 2 cruisers and some torpedo and other vessels proceeded on 4th to Suda Bay in the Island of Crete, here they arrived on 11th. The Russian liberty-men on 20th behaved more than usually disgracefully on shore at Canea, a few miles from Suda Bay, and in their drunken rioting, in which several officers took part, they not only caused great damage, but attacked women and caused the death of five Cretans. On 22nd they continued their voyage, passing through the Suez Canal on 24th and 25th. Elaborate precautions were taken by the Egyptian police to prevent anything coming in view of the ships which could possibly shake the nerves of even the most "jumpy" of their crews, and although the latter stood to their guns and torpedo tubes throughout the passage they did not fire a shot. On 27th the squadron left Suez for Djeboutel in the Red Sea.

The other squadron, of 5 battleships, 4 cruisers, and some other ships, sailed Westward on 7th, arrived at Dakar in Senegal on 11th, and left there on 17th for Accra, whence by leisurely stages it will round the Cape of Good Hope and eventually join the remainder of the Fleet somewhere in the Indian Ocean, if the Japanese Fleet does not appear to prevent this.

Russia has again been forced to borrow, getting twenty millions sterling from Berlin and thirty in Paris at 5 per cent, whilst Japan has obtained twelve millions at 6 per cent in London and New York.

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Shooting.

Regimental Rifle Club.

Owing to the fact that if we intended to send in scores for the Queen Victoria Cup and the Inter-Company match, we had to do so before the end of November to ensure their arriving at the Head-Quarters of the Army Rifle Association in time, opportunity was taken of the range being available for practice to fire also for the matches in the Bombay Presidency Rifle Association Local Meeting during the month. It is to be regretted that we could not have fired for the Queen Victoria Cup during October, as that is the month when the atmospheric conditions are most in favour of marksmanship, November bringing strong winds. However, it is better to enter under any conditions than not at all, and the following details will best describe the efforts of those who practised.

Queen Victoria Cup.

Desultory practice during the afternoon was carried on during the last ten days of October and the first week in November. It was a time at which the conditions were anything but favourable, with a hot sun, dropping light, and a fitful wind. But on the 7th, regular morning practices were begun, the Poona Volunteers coming generously forward with the loan of their range, and the commanding officer sanctioning the attendance of those who were wanted to practise. On the 10th he showed further consideration in handing over our own range for the use of the teams.

The following table will show better than anything else the names of those who attended with the results of their efforts :—

	Number of shoots.	Highest Score.	Average of best 6 shoots	Total average during practice.
Col.-Sgt. J. Tyndall	11	95	92·66	88·36
Sergt. D. Stobie	21	97	93·00	87·28
Sergt.-Major H. Ditcham	15	101	92·00	86·66
Col.-Sgt. J. Ewan	15	93	90·66	86·40
Sergt. W. Scott	15	96	90·50	85·80
Col.-Sergt. C. Johnstone	13	95	91·16	85·53
Sergt. J. Sim	22	94	91·16	85·50
Lieut. A. J. H. Maclean	17	95	89·00	82·99
Private Mowatt	18	91	88·16	82·22
Capt. K. F. C. Marshall	14	89	86·33	82·14
Sergt. A. S. Macdonald	16	90	87·16	81·12
Lce. Cpl. C. Munro	18	92	87·83	81·11
Lce. Sgt. G. Newall	5	85	...	77·60
Lce. Cpl. A. Gray	11	88	...	76·73
Lce. Cpl. W. Kirkland	9	84	...	75·66
Private W. Rastall	12	87	...	74·59
Private J. Wilson	6	79	...	71·66

This gives an all-round average of the first eight throughout the practices of 86·06, and taking the best six individual shoots of each member of the team the average is 91·26, while that of their best single shoots is 95·75, curiously enough the score which broke the record and won the match last year.

Our Sergeant-Major asserted his position on two successive occasions, firstly by making a "highest possible" score at 200 yards, and the following day by making a total of 101, a score which has not been approached in the Regiment for some years. We give it in full as an incentive to others to follow his example :—

200 yards	5555545	34
500 „	5355555	33
600 „	5455555	34

Sergeant Sim also contributed a "highest possible" at 500 yards one day, but otherwise they have been conspicuous by their absence.

The match itself was fired on the 20th November. The light was fair only at 200 yards and then a thick fog came down obscuring the targets altogether for more than half an hour, until the breeze came. At 600 yards the breeze was light though fitful. Even under the circumstances the shooting of half the team was fully up to expectation, but this was counterbalanced by the poor display of the remainder, due, no doubt, partly to a feeling of over-keenness and consequent unsteadiness of nerves. The want of sighting shots, unless there is no wind at all, is very much felt, and we hope they will be again permitted in next year's programme. The score sent home is given below.

	200 yards.	500 yards.	600 yards.	Grand Total.
Sgt. Stobie	4555555-34.	5554355-32.	3553535-29.	95.
C.-S. Tyndall	4555454-32.	5544555-33.	5345435-29.	94.
C.-S. Ewan	4455552-30	4555345-31.	5555452-31.	92.
C.-S. Johnstone	5555545-34.	3455555-32.	3454334-26.	92.
Sergt. Scott	4525354-28.	3553354-30.	4533545-29.	87.
S.-Maj. Ditcham	4454444-29.	2555555-32.	3044534-23.	84.
Lieut. Maclean	3454445-29.	5345343-27.	4335534-27.	83.
Sergt. Sim	2555555-32.	5454345-30.	3253323-21.	83.
Totals	248.	247.	215.	710.
Averages	31.	30·87.	26·87	88·75.

We hope next year will see a great improvement on this score, and feel sure that if the Battalion would take seriously to the matter of shooting, a number of hidden treasures would be found from whom to choose a team for next year. The limit of choices was not as extensive as it should have been.

Inter-Company Match.

As mentioned in our last number a couple of days were set apart during October for practice for this match, 12 rifles a company being allowed to shoot to enable the section commanders to choose a team of eight from each company.

"C" Company having gone to Kirkee on detachment, there remained only seven companies to practice on the Wanowrie ranges, and after two days spent in getting the exact sighting of the rifles the following were the results of the match, with the names of the representative teams. (As the official declaration of the scores should have been made by this time at home, and is probably now on its way out to us, no hesitation is felt in

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publishing the scores of this and of the Queen Victoria Cup Match).

SCORES.

		800 yards.		600 yards.		Total.
"D"	Company	33	hits	57	hits	90
"H"	,,	41	,,	43	,,	84
"A"	,,	25	,,	49	,,	74
"F"	,,	30	,,	40	,,	70
"G"	,,	20	,,	50	,,	70
"B"	,,	29	,,	34	,,	64
"E"	,,	22	,,	42	,,	64

The representatives of the companies, with the names of the section commanders, are as follows:–

"*A*" *Company*:—Lance-Corporals Munro and Armour: Privates Durick, May, Clanahan, Wilson, Campbell and Hunter. Section commander: Colour Sergeant F. W. Clarke.

"*B*" *Company*:—Lance-Corporals Mackenzie, Swan and Macgregor; Privates English, Elton, Smith, Hunter, and Flockhart. Section commander: Sergeant A. Gibb.

"*D*" *Company*:—Lance-Sergeant Newall, Lance-Corporal Ross; Privates Mowatt, Macdonald, Turpie, Rastall, McCluskey and Houston. Section commander: Sergeant J. Sim.

"*E*" *Company*. Corpls. Campbell and Melville; Lance Corporal Harkness; Privates L. McCarthy, Clarkson, James, D. McLean, and Paton. Section commander: Sergeant A. S. Macdonald.

"*F*" *Company*:—Corporal Stewart, Lance Corporals Cridland and Hempseed; Privates Bruce, Donahue, Oliver, McNie and McEachern. Section commander: Sergeant C. Phemister.

"*G*" *Company*:—Lance Sergeant Dougall, Lance Corporal Kirkland; Privates Rice, Benson, Fogg, Ryans, and Marshall. Section commander: Colour Sergeant D. Ritchie.

"*H*" *Company*:—Lance Sergeant Smith, Lance Corporals Gray and Macpherson; Privates Hawthorne, Sibbald, Scott, Lawrie and Strachan. Section commander: Colour Sergeant J. Ewan.

Bo. P. R. A. Local Meeting.

1. William Watson Challenge Cup.

Three teams entered for this match, with the following result:—

"*A*" *Team.* Colour Sergeants Johnstone, Ritchie, and Lockie, Sergeant Macdonald, Lance Corporals Gray and Munro. Total score 50 points.

"*B*" *Team.* Lieut. Maclean, Col. Sgt. Ewan, Corp. Stewart, Lce. Corp. McPherson, Ptes. Rastall and Hawthorne. Total score 30 points.

"*C*" *Team.* Sgt. Major Ditcham, Lce. Sgts. Newall and Dougall, Lce. Corps. Cridland, Kirkland and Armour. Total score 48 points.

2. Lloyd Lindsay.

The course, owing to the nature of the ground, which is rocky and intersected by deep nullahs, was a difficult one, and those who entered had to ride with their heads to get safely over it. It is to be regretted that more time was not available for practice as many of the entrants mounted in the match for the first time for many months. It was satisfactory to note however, that out of the ten teams entered from Poona only three arrived home under time, and of these, two were from the battalion. The teams and scores made were:—

"*A*" *Team.* Colour Segeants Johnstone and Ritchie, Corporal Fraser and Private Ross. 14 points.

"*B*" *Team.* Corporals Melville and Campbell, Lance Corporal McVea and Private McLean. 9 points.

"*C*" *Team.* Privates Mowatt, Rarity, Caskie and McNie. 12 points.

3. Magazine Independent.

There was a fair number of entrants for this match, the conditions being rather of a sporting character, which is always sure of drawing entries from the Regiment. The shooting on the day of the match, however, was not what the results of the practices led those entering to expect, but in a match of this sort one might make a record score the first time and a "wash-out," or next door to it, the next minute, unless endless time and countless rounds had been devoted to practice for it. We give the first few scores below.

Col. Sgt. Lockie, 10 points. Lce. Cpl. Swan 8 points.
Sgt. Dougall, 8 ,, ,, ,, Munro 8 ,,

4. Independent.

The conditions of this match were very severe, being Practise 12 of the Annual Course, with the difference of having to fire it at 400 yards instead of 200. Vainshing Figure No. 3 may be a very good mark at the latter, but at the former distance it is a very severe test. The prevalence of a high wind did not detract from the difficulties of the teams who were unfortunate enough to fire last. Below will be found the result of the match.

"*B*" *Company*, 57 points. Sgt. A. Gibb, Lce.-Cpl. R. Swan, Lce.-Cpl. J. McKenzie, Lce.-Cpl. J. McGregor, Ptes. J. Flockhart, J. Smith, F. Elton, C. Hunter.

"*D*" *Company*, 57 points. Sgt. J. Sim, Lce.-Sgt. G. Newall, Lce.-Cpl. J. Ross, Ptes. W. Rastall, R. Watson, A. McDonald, Turpie, J. Craig, W. Houston.

"*G*" *Company*, 48 points. Col-Sgt. D. Ritchie, Lce.-Sgt. J. Dougall, Lce. Cpl. Kirkland, Ptes. J. Marshall, A. Rice, W. Powell, C. Ryans, W. Benson, M. Fogg,

"*H*" *Company*, 45 points. Col.-Sgt. J. Ewan, Lce.-Cpls. A. Gray, W. McPherson, Ptes. W. Sibbald, G. Rarity, J. Scott, W. Hawthorne, H. Lawrie, C. Turnbull.

"*F*" *Company*. 42 points. Col-Sgt. G. Arnott, Cpl. A. Stewart, Lce.-Cpls. T. Cridland, and T. Hempseed, Pte. R. McNie, D. Bruce, T. Donohue, P. Oliver, and J. McEachern.

"*A*" *Company*, 42 points. Lce. Sgt. T. Young, Lce.-Cpls. C. Armour, and Munro, Ptes. T. May, M. Clanahan, T. Durick, J. Wilson, A. Campbell, and D. Hunter.

"*E*" *Company*, 21 points. Sgt. A. S. Macdonald. Cpls. F. Risdon, C. Campbell, and W Melville, Lce.-Cpl. C. Harkness. Ptes. D. McLean, G. Clarkson, L. McCarthy, and T. James.

Sergeant Sim, "D" Company, was the highest individual scorer with 15 points.

5. Rosseter Memorial Challenge Cup.

A match for teams of three officers. The following were the scores.

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		200 yds.	500 yds.	100 yds.	Total.
Lieut.	Maclean	30	33	29	92.
Capt.	Marshall	30	28	32	90.
,,	Elphinston	32	28	22	82.
		92.	89.	83.	264.

6. Rifle Competition.

A match for teams of four Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officers. Individual at 200 and 600 yards. Two sighting shots at each distance. "D" and "B" Teams having the same number of points and being the two best, we give the scores in detail; as follows :—

"D" Team.	200	600 yds.	Total
Sgt. Stobie	35	29	64.
Col.-Sgt. Tyndall	30	30	60.
Col.-Sgt. Johnstone	31	27	58.
Col.-Sgt. Ewen	32	26	58.
Total	128.	112.	240.
"B" Team.			
Sgt. Sim	30	32	62.
Sgt. Scott	30	32	62.
Sgt. Macdonald	28	30	58.
Sgt.-Major Ditcham	29	29	58.
Total	117	123	240.

The two remaining teams, who made 213 and 198 points respectively, were made up as follows :—

"A" Team :—Lance Sergeants Dougall and Newall, and Lance Corporals Gray and Kirkland.

"C" Team :—Colour Sergeants Lockie and Ritchie, and Lance-Corporals Munro and Cridland,

Sergeant Stobie is to be congratulated on a "possible" at 200 yards, a by no means common score at the 7 inch bull's eye.

7. Young Soldiers' Match.

Only two "young soldiers," Private Griffiths and Private Hannah, were sporting enough to enter for this match, but there are very few in the Regiment who were eligible. We wish we could chronicle a success for them, but the results have not yet been published.

The 8th Match, for Machine Gun Teams has not yet taken place, owing to the want of mules due to disease in the district, but we hope to secure one before long, as two teams have entered.

Until the results of all these matches are published we cannot say what success we have had, but we hope in our next number to have several prizes to report. Comparisons with other Regiments will, if to hand in time, be published in our next issue.

In the meanwhile the Club will resume its normal conditions, and increased attendance by all "classes" is looked for in order to fit themselves for a higher position in next year's Annual **Return.**

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Artistic fair one : "What a delightful sunset ; look at those beautiful tints of salmon pink."

Inartistic one ; "By Jove, yes ! tinned salmon !"

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AN ADDRESS TO THE DRILL-BOOK

(With apologies to the shade of R. B.)

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Wee crimson-covered, shillin' bookie,
Thou terror to each new-fledged rookie !
How oft wi' anger ha'e I shook 'ee,
And language awtu' ;
And flung thee back from whence I took 'ee
Wi' words unlawfu' !

They say thy dry and dusty pages
Ha'e stood the test o' time for ages ;
And he who in thy work engages
Is aye directed
That writings by sic wondrous sages
Maun be respected.

Yet when thy pages I examine,
And learn thy drill wi' endless crammin',
Thy facts into my noddle rammin'
In manner serious,—
My puir wee brain commences swimmin'—
I'm fair deleerious !

When with thy sections I confer,
As friend or as philosopher,
That in my drill I may not err
But gain perfection,
Thou coolly bids me then refer
Some ither section !

And scarcely ha'e I crammed thee in,
And filled my pate like rubbish-bin
Wi' movements which I hope will sune
Produce fruition;
When oot there pops wi' muckle din
A New Edition !

And now for nichts wi' thee I've sat,
And crammed until I have thee pat ;—
Wi' para this and section that
I've sought improvement ;
And think I'm fairly perfect at
Battalion movement;

Yet when Inspection strains oor shanks
Wi' marchin' past and sic-like pranks,
Oor officers receive the thanks
In language cheerin';
While we puir deevils in the ranks
Get a' the sweerin'!

But then 'twas ever thus in life,
While lust remains and passions rife,
And battle wages to the knife
Our foes to wither ;—
Ane man it is tak's a' the strife ;
The praise anither !

SABRE TACHE,
(Q.R.V.B.R.S. CHRONICLE)

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According to a contemporary, an individual has received the Humane Society's medal for an act of life saving which involved his jumping off Arrochar Pier into Loch Lomond. Seeing that the distance from one to the other is two miles, the feat constitutes, one should say, a record in athletics as well.

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Football.

2nd Eleven Tournament.

The Commanding Officer having intimated his intention of presenting a prize of one hundred rupees for competition between teams consisting of players who had never played in Battalion or Company first eleven games, considerable excitement was caused among the many aspirants for places in the junior teams. We expect that the Football Committee had their eyes open during the progress of the games, and perhaps have been able to spot some likely youths, who may yet uphold the credit of the Battalion in football circles.

The first draw found "A" Company pitted against "D" Company, and after a fairly evenly contested game, the latter went to the wall. "B" Company versus "H" Company proved an exciting tussle, the first meeting ending in a draw, no scoring, but on the replay, "B" Company managed to secure their place in the next round, winning by one goal against nothing. The match between "C" and "F" Companies resulted in the former company winning after a rather mild game. The game between "E" and "G" companies ended in an easy win for "G" Company, but "E" having successfully protested against a player who had represented "G" Company, the replay finished with the result reversed, "E" winning by two goals to one.

Thus the first round was carried through, considerable delay being caused owing to some of the companies being Field Firing at Karakwasla.

The draw in the second round proved as follows:

"A" versus "E"; "B" versus" C."

The first tie to be played off was that between "A" and "E" and resulted in a draw—two goals each. A replay again ended in the same score and a very exciting third match had to be played before "A" Company found themselves in the final, knocking their opponents out by two goals to one. "C" Company travelled in from Kirkee to meet "B" Company, and evidently the journey had proved rather tiresome for the detachment company, as "B" Company romped home very easily the winners of the tie, the score being five goals to one.

"A" and "B" having now been left in the final an interesting game was looked for, and we were not disappointed The teams were very evenly matched, and only the good luck of "A" Company securing a penalty goal in the latter half of the game, ended the tournament and secured the prize, the final result proving "A" 2 goals, "B" 1 goal

The competition gave every satisfaction, and although some of the games were more amusing than scientific, chiefly due to the number of dog-fights round the lines, and to the "encouraging," though often sarcastic, remarks of the various supporters, we are certain that those who turned out to witness the progress of the tourney thoroughly enjoyed it.

Appended are the names of the competitors representing the various companies.

"*A*" *Company*:—Muchan; Kean and Patterson; Connelly, Forrest and Armour; McPhee, McCourt; Pettrie; Durick and Beattie.

"*B*" *Company*:—Caldwell; Swan and Flockhart; Aitken, Reid and Douglas; McGregor, Cowie; McMahon, McFarlane and Watt.

"*C*" *Company*;—Finlay; Downs and Darwood; Wright, Clarke and Stevenson; Stephens, McDermott, McKinlay; Gillies, Gunning.

"*D*" *Company*;—Parry; Kelly and Johnston; McLachlan, Munro, Ballantyne, Jack, Ramsdale, Cassidy, Watson, McKenzie.

"*E*" *Company*:—McNair; Plant and Candlish; Campbell, Matchett, Robinson; Raeburn, Green; J. McCarthy; Phillips and G. MacIntosh.

"*F*" *Company*:—Kay; Caskie and Bruce; Oliver, Jameson, Kennedy; Madden, McKay; NeCreath, Weller, McGrory.

"*G*" *Company*:—Patterson. Alexander and Lamb; Kirkland, Fogg and Macpherson; McIndewar, Wardrope; Gerry; McMath and Snowdon.

"*H*" *Company*:—Blackley; Caskie, and Quinn; Strachan, McNiff, and White; Rarity, L.-C. Wilson; '03 Wilson and Palmer.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

That a pig is not a pig when it is killed—it is pork.

That he wis lying awake when the Orderly Sergeant woke him up.

That he missed the faces he used tae shake haunds wi.

That his feet were sore frae heid tae fit.

That the last eggs we had for extras wis butter in Calcutta.

That when you spoke to him you had to hold your tongue.

That ye had tae staun tae attention mairching past the gaird.

That the wash-hoose teams gied guid sport.

That Robert the Bruce wis born and brocht up in Falkirk.

That the Purandhar convalescents are go ng it strong at present.

That the Efficiency Test is gaun tae be a "wappy" and nae mistake.

That he wis looking for whelks when he wis doon at Bombay.

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1st Private (on the line of march)—"'Ere, Bill, I wouldn't mind servin' the rest of my time clappin' my 'ands."

2nd Private—"Clappin' yer 'ands,' wot d'yer mean?'

1st Private—"Why like '44' Smith in the band playin' the cymbals."

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Home and Depot Notes.

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One Saturday His Highness Duke Johann Albrecht of Mecklenberg and the Duchess of Mecklenberg, attended by Count Von Rantzau and Mr. James Paterson, A.R.S.A., arrived by the North British Railway at Stirling, where they were met by Colonel Hunt, commanding the regimental district of H.R.H. Princess Louise's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They drove to Cambuskenneth Abbey, and afterwards to Bannockburn, thereafter being shown over the Castle, and lunching with Colonel Hunt and the officers of the regiment.

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Recruits who, in other respects, fulfil the conditions necessary for enlistment, are not to be rejected on account of bad teeth if £3 will put them right. But the recruit has to pay the money himself. In the same way a man who incurs such loss of teeth as would mean his discharge may stay on at the cost of £3.

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In consequence of communications from Poor Law Authorities throughout the kingdom as to the number of discharged soldiers applying for relief the War Office has issued an order that men entitled to do so shall re-enlist on Section D of the Army Reserve. This applies to men who have been discharged during the past two years, and who hold a parchment certificate containing a promise to re-enlist if required within two years or any shorter time from the date of discharge, and they should immediately apply to their late Commanding Officers.

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In accordance with new arrangements for assisting N.C.Os. and men to use the Post Office Savings' Bank, a Post Office clerk attends at regular dates, as required, in all barracks at home, to arrange for deposits, withdrawals, &c.

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A blank firing attachment for machine guns has been recently invented. By its means 200 rounds can be fired in a minute without fear of injury to the gun. The attachment also affords a ready means of instruction in the working of the gun.

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The firing exercises in infantry training, 1902, are cancelled, and new musketry exercises (provisional) have been issued.

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The decision of the Army Council to disband "I" (Rothesay) company of the 1st V. B. Arygll and Sutherland Highlanders has caused wide spread regret amongst all ranks of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The arms and equipment of the disbanded company have been forwarded to Stirling and so all hope of a reconsideration of the decision has faded away. Feeling in Rothesay runs high on the subject of the abolition of its Volunteer Company, and we hear that a proposal is on foot to enrol sufficient numbers to form a company which will be attached to the 5th (Argyllshire) Battalion.

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Band-Sergeant R. Crawford, an old and popular Rory, who left the band of the Ninety-Third for home during the stay of the Battalion at Nowshera, has been presented by the Band of the 2nd V. B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders with a handsome folding writing desk on the occasion of his marriage.

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A Veteran of the Thin Red Line.

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A correspondent has favoured us with a cutting from a Dunfermline paper detailing an interesting interview with Mr. John Ellis, who completed twenty-one years service under the Ninety-Third's colours and who formed one of the Thin Red Line of glorious memory.

Mr. Ellis enlisted in 1842, and his reminiscences of the Crimean and Indian Mutiny Campaigns are vivid and interesting. He recites an amusing account of a meeting he had with Sir Colin Campbell, and as we never have had the pleasure of hearing it before, we give it below :—

He, Mr. Ellis, was servant to Paymaster Blaik, and as such had occasion to take the waggon with the safe to the pay office, to which he was directed by an officer. As he drove along Sir Colin came flying out of his tent and asked him where in the name of goodness he was going? He replied he was going to the field pay office, and had been instructed by an officer to go this way. Sir Colin, who had been disturbed at his shaving, retorted that the officer was worse than him (Mr. Ellis.) "What regiment do you belong to?" asked the Commander. "I belong to the 93rd," was the reply. "I knew that before you spoke. You fellows think you can do anything you like. You will be going over my head some of these days, as if I were a common coolie."

By this time, said Mr. Ellis, the bullocks were walking over the ropes of the tent, and Sir Colin shouted out: "Worse and worse. If anybody checks you, say you passed me."

During this conversation Sir Colin stood with his razor in his hand, his face all lathered with soap, and only dressed in his shirt and trousers.

Our old comrade is presently acting as gatekeeper to the Dunfermline Cricket Club, and as he is still hale and hearty we trust he may be long spared to uphold the reputation of our Regiment.

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In Barracks.

Password for the month—"Hae ye seen Wullie Bailey?"

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"Better late than never" is an old saying and there is always a certain proportion in any community, no matter how large or how small it may be, who appear to regard it as a sort of hereditary family motto to be acted up to on all occasions. In every Company one is sure to find at least one individual who regards punctuality as a sort of brazen thief of his own time, and consequently his endeavours to give as little time as he can to work are sometimes amusing, For instance, the man who comes rushing across the company parade ground five minutes after the Orderly Sergeant has commenced calling the roll is generally a painful sight. With one hand he holds his rifle at the trail and with the other attempts to button up his jacket and buckle his waist belt, all at the same time. His helmet is on back to the front, with the chin strap dangling gracefully down his neck, and a big pipe stuck in his mouth, but he manages in spite of a storm of vituperation from his company officer, Colour-Sergeant, and Section Commander to throw himself bodily into the ranks.

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A UTOPIAN ARMY.

Sometimes I dream that happy days are coming,
Bringing the soldier's paradise to earth,
And in my dreams I can see forth coming,
Days when the soldier's life will be all mirth.

And as I dream I seem to see abolished,
Things for which the soldier has suffered grievous pain,
Manoeuvres, guards, and marches, army Reform finished,
Such are my dreams: ah, do I dream in vain?

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Does any one want a spare postman? I had occasion to write to the postmaster some days ago regarding a certain money order from England, payment of which was overdue. My note had evidently been given to a baboo to acknowledge, and the following is his reply:

"Sir,

There is no money order in the deposit here for you. If it is arrived in the office, it will be given *with the postman* for delivery to you."

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Watching a squad of N.C.Os. at communicating drill the other day I was much struck by the number of ways there are of pronouncing the various words of command. Take the command "Attention" for instance,—one man snaps it out as if he were getting rid of a mouthful of castor-oil while another draws it out in a crescendo, that would make a Carl Rosa opera singer blue with envy. Then again, the command "Slope arms" affords much room for variety, though to be sure the pronounciation seems to matter little to the squad as they seem to answer just as readily to "slope-ip," "slope-up," or "slope-um." The way one squad came to the "stand ease" on a command which sounded something like "Hand-up-cheese" was truly remarkable, and suggests the wonderful effect which discipline has in at once interpreting such wondrous sounds correctly.

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"This is whit they ca' a bun,' said an individual to me lately—"A T.A. bun,", with a long drawn out emphasis on the last syllable. Bringing a keen scrutiny to bear on the object which he presented to my gaze, I examined it closely. Shaped something between a Whitehead torpedo and a furniture van, it appeared to have been manufactured of one substance throughout except in one spot, at the apex of a sort of equilateral triangle, somewhere near the top, where one solitary currant peeped coyly forth as if it were somewhat ashamed to occupy such an exalted position all to its own cheek. In other respects the bun seemed to answer to the popular conception of such articles, and so I handed it back with the remark that I did not think it would be necessary to remove the currant before "seeing it off."

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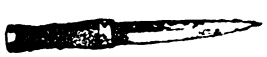
Herewith a few problems for digestion during the ensuing month:—

Number one—If your rifle is supposed to carry three feet to the left, and to commence the course you get an outer high left on a target twenty-eight feet away to the right, how many boxes of ammunition will be required to fetch the qualifying points for marksman.

Number two—If two hundred dozen minerals are required to quench the thirst of a battalion 800 strong after a fifteen mile route-march, with the temperature at 80 degrees, how many dozen minerals will be required to quench the thirst of an army corps 40,000 strong after a ten mile double, the temperature being 100 degrees, and the barometer standing at 20 inches?

Number three—If a semaphore message takes ten minutes to reach a point five hundred yards distant and has to be repeated five times before being understood, and a foot messenger could travel backwards and forwards and carry the same message eight times in thirty-five minutes, how many times could a messenger travel 300 yards if the message had to be repeated ten times.

ODDS AN' ENS.



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Letters to the Editor.

MR. W. FORBES MITCHELL, that well known relict of the Old 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, writes :—

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I have been suffering very much from malarial fever caused, the Doctors say, through my thirty-five years residence on the banks of the Hooghly without a change, and I had to go for two months to the dryer and more salubrious climate of Madhopore on the E.I. Rly., which is 183 miles up the line and about 1,000 feet higher than Calcutta, and I have just returned to find copies of the "Thin Red Line," for August and September waiting for me. Many thanks.

In the August number I am glad to see that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to appoint Lieut.-Genl. Sir Frederick Traill Burroughs, K.C B., to the Colonelcy of the grand Old Thin Red Line, vice the late Sir J. A. Ewart, G C.B., whom Lieut. Burroughs succeeded as Captain in November, 1854. I am sure General Burroughs appreciates the honour, and long may he enjoy it is the prayer of this relict of the grand old regiment.

With your permission I will make a few remarks on the issue for August. On page 59, "Sir Colin Campbell and his Highlanders," "A Griff of the Forty-Twa" is perfectly right about it being the 93rd and not the 92nd that were the "beloved Highlanders" of Sir Colin. But "The Griff of the Forty-Twa" evidently does not know the real reason why the old 53rd (Shropshire) Regiment made the rush after the mutineers at the Kalee Nuddy Bridge. The 53rd were on the right on a bend of the river covering the Engineers repairing the bridge, and from their position they had a full *flank* view of the "Toll House," some distance from the Bridge, into which the enemy had brought a heavy seige gun from the fort at Futtaghar, and from the safe cover of the "Toll House" they were keeping up a harrassing fire on the men and guard repairing the Bridge. But as soon as the enemy saw that the Bridge was repaired and the advance commenced they tried to withdraw the gun, and from their position in the bend of the river the 53rd saw clearly what the enemy were about and made the rush to prevent the gun being carried off. Which they did, and when Sir Colin knew the true facts he forgave the 53rd for their disobedience of Orders. "A Griff of the Forty-Twa" may rest assured these are the facts of the case. The Cavalry were the 9th Lancers, not the 6th, which may be a misprint, and they completely wiped out the H.E.I. Company's old 41st Regiment from the army of the mutineers.

So much for history. Now for sport. On page 57, first column, the explanation of an unusual occurrence reminds me of a story very common in the Old Highland Brigade of 1855. The 92nd were then in Gibraltar, and a certain sergeant hailing from the north was on the Europa Cliff guard when a private of the 92nd fell over the Cliff and was dashed to pieces. But the sergeant of the guard took no notice of it in his Guard Report, and stated "nothing extraordinary occurred during my turn of duty." When the Guard Report went before the Town Major, he sent for the sergeant and said, "Sergeant, you state in your Guard Report of the Europa Cliff guard that nothing extraordinary occurred during your turn of duty. Did not a private of your own regiment fall over the cliff and was dashed to pieces! Do you not consider that something extraordinary?" "No," replied the sergeant. "In the name of the Shaitan," said the Town Major, "What would you consider something extraordinary?" "If he had not been dashed to pieces," replied the sergeant. "The case is dismissed" said the Town Major. Donald had scored. Many of your readers must have heard the story, but it may be new to some and amuse them. Just one more point. In the Calendar for September, page 63, it is stated "Sept 17th, Enfield Rifles 53 pattern, issued to Regiment in the Crimea, 1854." This is a mistake, the date ought to be 17th September, 1855—not 1854. Just think the matter out for yourselves. We were trained to the Minie Rifle before the Regiment embarked, and all the time the regiment lay in Bulgaria and at Varna. The French also had the Minie Rifle. As you are aware the Minie was a French invention by Colonel Minie of the French Army, and the great benefit was that the French and British ammunition was interchangeable. We landed in the Crimea on the 14th September, 1854. Consequently we were advancing on the Alma on the 17th, and there was no Transport Corps in those days to carry spare rifles. Besides, what would you think of a General who would have changed the arms to which his men had been drilled to a new and unknown arm on the eve of a great battle!—and you will see that the date ought to be 1856. However the mistake may have crept into the Calendar, I am right. The Alma and Balaklava were both fought with the Minie Rifle, both with French and British. But enough—and more than you may care to have. Ask your printer's devil to forgive my scrawl. I am still very shaky from the effects of the terrible fever.

A Babu and a Field Day.

Thus the Bellary correspondent of the *Madras Mail*:—When I went to office on Saturday I found my Babu big with news. He was full of

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importance, and after a little beating about the bush he told me he had been watching a field day, and he had written a short account of it in case I should like to have it. Of course I liked, and here it is :—"While with ever keen eye on the alert for what may be, I rode for hygiene on my bicycle in the direction of Alipore. I heard when approaching environs of Race Course the terror-striking sound of cannon as it disgorged its pom-pom and throwing my bicycle to the wind and leaping myself upon an eminence, I saw smoke coming from over the Porcine quarter or Hogs' Back. Casting furtive eye upon my round about, I took observation, and what met my glance ? Namely, the *Ghora Pultan* seductively lying *doggo* in village precincts of Alipore. So concluding grand manœuvres were on the *tapis* I commanded my Roadster, with some *ver fare* to the Benevolent hand of Providence on the roadside and went to see the fun. A gallant Officer mounted on war-like and fiery screw gave order in hushed tone to make advance, whereupon khaki heroes with cunning and crooked backs proceeded in thin lines in search of *kala juggers* and other suitable hiding nooks, *en route* to Cavalry parade ground. On looking intelligently in that direction I spied Battery in full view on the Maidan facing this way, and affording good target for pot shot of which my heroes aforementioned availed themselves you Bet. Another big explosion occurred with smoke on the Hogs' Back and almost immediately the Battery on the Maidan exploded in my direction. This was a pusillanimous proceeding in my eye. I did not understand why they should with cowardice turn their backs and fire in contrary direction. I had never seen before such a tactic, but I suppose it is according to new regulation of recent orders. I was much interested and proceeded on tenterhooks to watch the force. The Infantry intrepidly continued their advance and the Battery with equal nonchalance continued to fire so that at short intervals the Infantry fell upon their faces in the dust and following suit much out of breath and in due time they repeated this operation *ad lib*, many soldiers remaining *perdu*, impersonating death. As the foremost of the Infantry came upon the edge of parade ground there was much trumpeting and the soldiers began all to collect together and marched to the vicinity of Battery. Accosting myself to dead soldier I enquired what was reason for this *tamasha*. He was most intelligent gentleman and I explained fully all my doubts : but his language was surprising and difficult for me to understand. There were two battles raging at one and same time also and the engagement at which I had assisted was blooming attack of Infantry against a bally Battery in the open without help and difficult to accomplish. But of battle on the Hog Back he was without understanding. Therefore I was sorry I had with ignorance mixed the two thinking the Devil took their hindmost."

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Association Balaklava Day Celebrations.

The fiftieth anniversary of Balaklava was celebrated in the Trades' House, Glasgow, on Friday 28th October. Colonel Middleton, writing from Bardowie, says that the attendance was the best he had seen for some years, and that the evening was a geat success, a fact we are very pleased to hear. It was greatly regretted that our veteran Colonel, Sir Frederick Traill-Burroughs was himself, owing to illness, prevented from filling the chair. Following are the names of the Crimean veterans who attended the Gathering which Colonel Middleton has very kindly forwarded to us along with the committee's yearly report and abstract of the accounts of the Association :—

Sergeant Major J. Motion, Colour-Sergeant J. Hutton, Drum-Major Rattray, Sergeant W. Fulton, Sergeant A. Christie Corporal McLay, Private J. D. Maxwell, Private J. Stirling, Private Cobb. Private Shepherd, Private Watson, Private Adair.

Private Cobb was the oldest soldier of the regiment present, having enlisted in 1844: Color Sergeant Hutton next, in 1847. Colonel Middleton concludes his letter by saying that our gallant old comrades are all in the best of health and that they received a great reception from the younger members of the regiment. Following is the Committee's Report, abstract of accounts, and numbers who have obtained employment :—

GLASGOW, *28th October, 1904.*

SIR,

Your Committee, in again addressing you, have to express their regret that since our last Re-Union a number of our old comrades have answered their last roll-call, and gone over to the great majority—General Sir J. A. Ewart, K.C.B., Colonel W. W. Knollys, Colonel C. S. Blackett, Major Fenwick, Captain W. Scott, Col-Sergeant C. Robertson, Private A. Douglas, Private J. Morris, Private H. Smith. To their sorrowing friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

We, on behalf of the Association, take this opportunity of tendering our sincere thanks to all who have in way assisted in carrying out the aims and objects of the Association. To the Officers who have done so much by honouring us with their presence at our Re-Unions, and the great interest they take in everything for the welfare of the men who have had the honour to serve under them, for their generous support which has enabled us to have so many pleasant and prosperous Gatherings.

We would again remind our comrades and civilian friends that the best way to render help to a man worthy of assistance is to place him in a position to aid himself, viz., by securing employment for him. This can only be done by the Committee being kept well posted up as to all situations which become vacant. Members and others will therefore greatly assist by attending to the above,

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and using any influence they may possess in obtaining the same for those who may be recommended.

We again remind Members and others who intend being present at future Annual Gatherings, of the necessity of acquainting them at least one week previous to date. In previous years this important item has been neglected, and the Committee have had to resort to guess work, this causing in a number of cases a deal of unnecessary expenditure in catering, &c.

We also desire that this Association and Re-Union may be made known to all who have served in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, that in meeting annually the names and numbers of the Regiment must not be allowed to die out.

We beg to remain, SIR,

Your obedient Servants,

THE COMMITTEE

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Income.				*Expenditure.*			
Balance Credit Brought forward	£22	19	9	Annual Dinner, &c., - - - -	£24	14	2
Subscriptions, &c.,	21	19	1	Balance, - -	20	4	8
Total,	£44	18	10	Total,	£44	18	10

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SGT.-MAJOR JAMES LINDSAY, *Vice President.*
SGT.-MAJOR WILLIAM HARDIE, *Treasurer.*
GEORGE MARTIN, *Secretary.*

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Amount granted to Members, - -	£7	15	9
Balance credit, - - - - - - - -	8	4	1
Total, - -	£15	19	10

SGT.-MAJOR JAMES LINDSAY, *Vice-President.*
" " WILLIAM HARDIE, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT.

From Formation till		Other Regiments	Temporary	Total
1903,	227	101	69	397
1904,	8	1	2	11
Totals,	235	102	71	408

We are indebted to Colour Sergeant Hutton for the following cutting from the "Glasgow Evening News" which gives a full account by "Forage Cap" of the Glasgow Celebrations.

'Tis fifty years ago; and although present month of October bears a burden of battle records that have had far more influence than Balaklava Day, still, the 25th of October, 1854, in the Crimea, has a particular charm about it that wins the heart of the Briton, and gives him pride. Why? Because it gave to our enemies and allies of that day an illustration of British daring and pluck which will be handed down to those who come after us, and to whom it will always be an inspiring and encouraging influence. So far as the Light Brigade is concerned, it has been placed on record that "someone had blundered." That is not at all surprising; we blunder every time. But when we come to the "exploit" of the Second Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (old 93rd), we fail to find that any error had been made.

"Sir Colin Campbell kent fu' weel
The 93rd were true as steel,
When he drew them a' up in a raw,
At Balaklava, kilts an' a'!"

Never had our soldiers a better leader; never had a leader better men. Indeed, Scotland holds on most consistently to the feelings which animated Sir Colin Campbell, both in the Crimea and in the Indian Mutiny, and she is justly proud of her Highland Brigade. It was to celeberate Balaklava Day, and to congratulate their veteran comrades of "The Thin Red Line" that the members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders met in the Trades' Hall on Friday night. We have not been at a more enthusiastic celebration. General Burroughs, K.C.B., whose home is in far-away Orkney, was unable to come; but their was a most encouraging attendance of officers; and the "old hands," as well as the more modern soldiers—men who have only done about twenty years' service—were delighted to find that Colonel Trotter filled the gap, and that he was supported by Colonel Campbell, Colonel Middleton, Campbell of Kilberry, Macdougall of Lunga, Fullarton, Aitken, Beattie, and others. The "Roll Call" fell to Sergt.-Major Lindsay, from Stirling Castle; and after the officers had each answered to their names, the veterans of the Crimea and Indian Mutiny, of whom some fifteen "came to attention," were awarded with a hearty cheer, There was one who had joined in 1841; while Colour-Sergeant Hutton, who was able pithily to propose a toast, joined in 1847. In September, 1848, Hutton was one of a guard of honour to the Queen on her first visit to Aberdeen, and he and General Burroughs, K.C.B., are the only two survivors of that interesting episode in his life as a soldier. Members and their wives and friends were there from all points of the compass. Sergeant Williams, who sung a capital song, came all the way from Aldershot. And they came from Paisley, Greenock, the Shaws, Barrhead, Neilston, Dumbarton, Stirling, Dunblane, Denny, Rothesay, and other towns—to make glad the heart of the veterans as well as to show their interest in their Regimental Association. Colonel Trotter, in his remarks, had a most encouraging word for the old soldiers and, speaking of their Association, he emphasised the fact that Colonel Middleton had stepped into the position held by the late Colonel Nightingale, and had devoted himself unsparingly to their welfare. Colonel Campbell made a short speech; and so did Major Campbell of Kilberry, in which he found that all that he would have said had been very well said already. He felt like a soldier who had lost his ammunition; but he took great pride in the fact that their association had been doing good work without any fuss or noise about it. Great credit was due to Sergt.-Major Lindsay, Sergt.-Major Hardie, Secretary Martin, and their committee for the work that had been done. Perhaps the best speech of the evening, however, was one that was not delivered. Sergeant-Major Motion, who came from the Gareloch side to propose the toast of "Officers Past and Present," found that he could hardly face the platform. He was nervous. The gallant veteran we speak of joined the 93rd in 1849, and when Colonel Trotter joined the regiment in 1864, it was Sergt.-Major Motion who gave him his drill, It seems a little curious that a soldier could "drill a Colonel," and even "face the Russians," but could hardly "face" the duty on Friday night which fell to his lot. Only those who are "unaccustomed to public speaking" can understand it. However, the gallant Sergeant-Major assured us that he would not be so bashful next year, and that he hopes then to "face the music." The other speakers included Mr. E. M'Kinley, who gave "Our Comrades"; Sergt.-Major Hardie, who gave "Our Guests and the Press," and Staff-Sergeant Carson, 4th Scottish Rifles, who responded. Music, songs, and a well-conducted assembly followed. Mrs. Hamilton, Bank Restaurant, had the work of entertainment on hand. She had a most capable contingent of experienced assistants, and the arrangements throughout could hardly be improved upon.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for January, 1905.

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1 S Proclamation day. Estab. reduced from 55 Sergeants, 22 drummers, 1,000 Rank and File to 45, 22, 800, respectively, 1817. Colonel W. W. Knollys relinquished command, 1879. Colonel E. D. H. Macpherson of Cluny relinquished command, 1884. Right Wing, under Major J. S. Napier, arrived at Nowshera from Mian Mir, 1896. Farewell inspection by Brigadier General Egerton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Comdg. Tochi F. F. at Boya, 1898.
2 M. Cluny Macpherson of Cluny to command, 1879. Col. A. C. Nightingale to command 1884.
3 Tu. Boya for Miran Shah, Tochi F. F., 1898.
4 W. Transports with Ninety-Third on board anchored in Table Bay, 1806.
5 Th.
6 F. Landed Lospard Bay, South Africa, 1806. (35 men drowned by upsetting of a boat). Right Wing embarked H.M.S. "*Inconstant*" for Canada, 1838.
7 S.
8 S. Defeat of Cape Dutch at Baluwe Berg by Sir David Baird, 1806 (2 men killed, 5 officers, 53 N.C.O's and men wounded). New Orleans, 1815; 5 officers, 120 N.C.O.s and men killed; 12 officers, 368 men wounded; 4 officers, 368 men missing. Embarked "*Tamar*" for Gibraltar, 1879.
9 M. First detachment ("E" Coy.) to Fort Attock, 1896.
10 Tu. Col. H. G. Moore relinquished command, 1888.
11 W. Lieut.-Col. W. S. Mills to command, 1888.
12 Th.
13 F. "Guthri" draft arrived Nowshera, 1896.
14 S.
15 S. Severe earthquake shock felt at Nowshera and throughout Northern India, 1896.
16 M. Centenary Games, Bareilly, 1901.
17 Tu. Disembarked Gibraltar, 1879.
18 W. Cape of Good Hope surrendered to Force under Sir David Baird, 1806. Left Delhi for Fort William after Coronation Durbar, 1903.
19 Th.
20 F. Re-crossed frontier to Edwardesabad (Bannu), Tochi F. F. 1898.
21 S.
22 S Arrived Fort William, Calcutta, from Delhi, 1903.
23 M. Left Wing embarked H.M.S. "*Pique*" for Canada, 1831.
24 Tu.
25 W.
26 Th. "Tug-of-War" Shield won by "A" Co., 1898.
27 F. Embarked Plymouth for Malta, 1854.
28 S. Left Shahjahanpur for Fort William, 1902.
29 S. "*Inconstant*" arrived Halifax, N. S., 1838.
30 M. Arrived Fort William from Shahjahanpur, 1902.
31 Tu.

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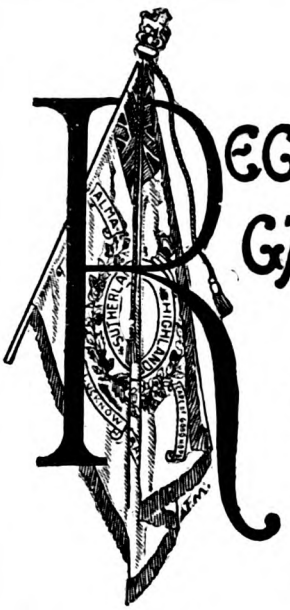
Singular Live Stock.

At a certain station in South Africa which shall be nameless, the A.S.C. officer in charge of transport received the "By Order" from the S.S.O.

"Please place three trucks at my disposal for live-stock to go at Government expense, below is tabulated a list of the live-stock in question.

1 bundle of golf sticks, 1 dog, 2 tables, 2 chairs, 3 houses of pigeons, 100 in number, weight 6,000lbs., 3 cases saddles, 5 horses (two of which were private animals), several boxes, a number of empty crates, 1 crate domestic fowls, 2 Kaffirs."—"*Army Service Corps Journal.*"



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PROMOTIONS.

No. 8219 Sergeant J. Clements, Unattached List, is promoted Sub-Conductor with effect from 10th September, 1904.

The following acting appointments are made permament under the provisions of India Army Order No. 314 of 1904.

To be Colour Sergeant:
No. 5864 Acting Colour Sergeant J. Brash, "C" Company, dated 21st May, 1904.

To be Sergeant:—
No. 5357 Acting Sergeant J. Stewart, "H" Company, dated 21st May, 1904.

To be Lance Sergeant:—
No. 6199 Acting Lance Sergeant J. H. Markey, "F" Company, dated 17th June, 1904.

To be Corporal:—
No. 6391 Acting Corporal W. Melville, "E" Company, dated 26th May, 1904.
No. 5132 Acting Corporal F. Wainwright, "A" Company, dated 24th February, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of Attached Section:—
No. 5927 Sergeant D. W. Stobie, "A" Company, dated 15th November, 1904.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal:—
No. 5566 Bandsman H. Wilson, "H" Company, dated 16th November, 1904.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal while employed on the Regimental Police:—
No. 7319 Private J. Lothian, "B" Company, dated 19th November, 1904.

To be Bandsmen:—
No. 7660 Private J. Walsh, "B" Company, dated 11th October, 1904.
No. 6418 Private J. McKenzie, "E" Company, dated 2nd November, 1904.

To be Drummer:—
No. 7387 Private C. McKenzie, "D" Company, dated 26th September, 1904.

To be Acting Drummers:—
No. 7786 Private C. Schoolbread, "A" Company, dated 16th November, 1904.
No. 7202 Private D. Irvine, "C" Company, dated 7th November, 1904.
No. 7169 Private A. McKinnon, "C" Company, dated 25th November, 1904.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals:—
No. 7703 Lce.-Cpl. D. Stirling, "H" Coy., dated 31-10-04

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No. 8809 Lce.-Cpl. J. Paterson, "H" Coy., dated 1-11-04
,, 6541 ,, T. Serymgeour, "E" Coy., ,, 1-11-04
,, 7294 ,, T. Hempseed, "F" ,, ,, 1-11-04
,, 6523 ,, T. McDermot, "C" ,, ,, 18-11-04
,, 7095 ,, J. McGregor, "B" ,, ,, 1-11-04
,, 5696 ,, C Harkness, "E" ,, ,, 1-12-04
,, 4619 ,, W. McKinnon, "G" ,, ,, 18-11-04

ANTEDATED.

The following promotions and appointments are antedated to the dates specified :—

No. 5945 Sergt. A. McCrae, "E" Coy., to 14th Jan., 1904
,, 6202 ,, J. McInnes, "B" ,, ,, 26th ,, ,,
,, 2425 ,, A. McKinnes, "D" ,, ,, 24th Feb., ,,
,, 7734 ,, A. Macdonald, "E" ,, ,, 22nd Mar., ,,
,, 7571 ,, J. Balfour, "B" ,, ,, 3rd April, ,,
,, 7764 ,, E. Harvey, "F" ,, ,, 17th June, ,,
,, 4923 Lc.-Sgt. D.G. Newall, "D" ,, ,, 14th Jan., ,,
,, 6368 ,, J. Dougall, "G" ,, ,, 24th Feb., ,,
,, 6369 ,, D. McCallum, "A" ,, ,, 24th ,, ,,
,, 5490 ,, S. Smith, "H" ,, ,, 22nd Mar., ,,
,, 6162 ,, A. Watt, "B" ,, ,, 3rd April, ,,
,, 3880 ,, J. Douglas, "G" ,, ,, 21st May, ,,
,, 4339 Corpl. F. Bracey, "F" ,, ,, 14th Jan., ,,
,, 8200 ,, G.D. McIntosh, "D" ,, ,, 14th ,, ,,
,, 4571 ,, J. Hiddles, "E" ,, ,, 20th ,, ,,
,, 5170 ,, W. Jamieson, "B" ,, ,, 26th ,, ,,

SERVICE PAY,
GRANTED OR RESTORED.

Class I. at Sevenpence :—

"A" Company.

No. 6863 Pte. T. Gamble. | No. 7149 Pte. W. White.
,, 6330 ,, J. Kilrain. | ,, 4877 ,, J. Quigly.
,, 4789 ,, T. Sheridan. | ,, 3698 ,, F. Trant.
No. 7124 Private C. White.

"B" Company.

No. 7067 Pte. W. Armstrong | No. 6881 Pte. W. Johnstone
,, 7091 ,, J. Monteith. | ,, 7095 L.-C. J. McGregor

"C" Company.

No. 7342 Private J. Gunning.

"D" Company.

No. 4912 Pte. R. McLeish. | No. 5203 Pte. J. Cross.

"E" Company.

No. 7128 Private T. Cameron.

"H" Company.

No. 7567 Private A. Dicker.

Class I. at Sixpence :—

"A" Company.

No. 8076 Pte. R. Baillie. | No. 7429 Pte. F. Bartlett.
,, 7827 ,, J. Beattie. | ,, 8029 ,, D. Campbell.
,, 8278 ,, G. Gunn. | ,, 7366 ,, R. Jardine.
,, 7149 ,, W. White. | ,, 8909 Dr. W. McLean.
,, 7786 Dr. C. Schoolbread | ,, 7131 Pte. F. Blair.
,, 8357 Pte. D. Forrest. | ,, 7221 ,, M. Clanahan.
No. 7900 Private T. Gallacher.

"D" Company.

No. 7103 H. Bremner. | No. 7651 Pte. Stephenson.

"F" Company.

No. 7708 Pte. G. Smith. No. 8989 Pte. A. Madden.

GOOD CONDUCT PAY AND BADGES.

Granted Three G.C. Badges : –

"H" Company.

No. 4533 Bandsman F. Quinn.

Granted Two G.C. Badges :—

"B" Company.

No. 7147 Pte. J. Christison. | No. 7095 L.-C. J. McGregor.

"C" Company.

No. 7101 Private W. Andrews.

"D" Company.

No. 4899 Private R. Baillie.

"F" Company.

No. 5995 Private J. McGrory.

"G" Company.

No. 4579 Pte. W. Benson. | No. 4753 Pte. E. McAulay.
,, 7073 L.-C. W. McFadden | ,, 5079 L.C. D.McGillivray.

Granted One G.C. Badge :—

"A" Company.

No. 7505 Private T. Cunnion.

"B" Company.

No. 6986 Pte. R. Anderson.

"D" Company.

No. 5112 Pte. H. Crawford | No. 4218 Pte. J. Scott.
,, 4770 ,, J. Collins. | ,, 7551 ,, W. Ramsdale.
,, 5248 ,, J. Orr. | ,, 5116 ,, A. McDonald.

"E" Company.

No. 8975 Private J. Paxton.

"F" Company.

No. 3683 Pte. A. Blackley. | No. 7294 L.-C. T. Hempseed.
No. 8989 Private A. Madden.

"H" Company.

No. 8153 Private J. Finlay.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Permitted to continue in the Service beyond Twenty-one years :—

No. 5921 1st Class Sergeant Instructor R. Gilmour. Dated at Mandalay, 9th November, 1904.

Re-engaged to complete Twenty-one years' Service :—

No. 4771 Lance-Corporal J. Oliver, "E" Company.
,, 4619 ,, W. McKinnon, "G" Company.
,, 5225 ,, W. Hastie, "A" Company.
,, 4677 Private D. Gibson, "G" Company.

Extended to complete Twelve years' Service :—

No. 6063 Private H. J. Munro, "D" Company.
,, 7387 Drummer C. Mackenzie, "D" Company.
,, 6381 Private G. Douglas, "E" Company.
,, 4627 ,, H. Walker, "A" Company.
,, 6207 ,, J. Brain, "A" Company.

Extended to complete Eight years' Service :—

No. 8881 Private D. Hannah, "A" Company.

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 7611 Piper R. Gunn, "A" Company.
,, 8881 Private D. Hannah, "A" Company.

MUSKETRY.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and men are entitled to Marksmen's Badges :—

"A" Company.

No. 5927 Sgt. D. W. Stobie. (Best shot of Company.)
,, 2144 C.Sgt. W. F. Clarke. | No. 3537 Sgt. H. Kerr.
,, 6325 Sgt. K. Fraser. | ,, 6098 Lc.-Sgt. T. Young.
,, 6569 L. Sgt. D. McCallum | ,, 2223 Cpl. A. Peggie.
,, 5868 Cpl. F. Johnston. | ,, 5287 L.-Cpl. C. Munro.
,, 4531 L. Cpl. C. Armour. | ,, 6952 Drum. J. Shirley.
,, 9451 Pte. J. Wilson. | ,, 7221 Pte. M. Clanahan.
,, 7505 ,, T. Cunnion. | ,, 4749 ,, T. Durick.
,, 8387 ,, R. McGill. | ,, 5373 ,, T. May.
,, 5221 ,, J. Drain. | ,, 8078 ,, A. Campbell.
,, 5171 ,, J. Coutts. | ,, 4955 ,, J. Hunter.
,, 6571 ,, J. Lamie. | ,, 6162 ,, J. McLaughlin.
,, 7685 ,, W. McPhee. | ,, 7787 Dr. C.Schoolbread.
No. 6914 Private R. Steadman.

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"C" Company.

No. 7510 Cpl. J. McKinlay, (Best Shot of Company).

,, 2594 C.Sgt. W. McMaster	No. 3185 Sgt. E. Mahony.
,, 4397 Sgt. E. G. Cody.	,, 6851 Cpl. E. Brett.
,, 5368 ,, J. McQueen.	,, 7226 L.Cpl. J. Downs.
,, 7431 Pte. J. Mather.	,, 8171 Pte. S. Bell.
,, 8094 ,, J. Scott.	,, 9169 ,, A. McKinnon.
,, 7456 ,, G. Bell.	,, 6666 ,, D. Shield.
,, 7392 ,, G. Hay.	,, 7890 ,, J. McInnes.
,, 8104 ,, J. Fleming.	,, 7800 ,, S. Anderson.
,, 4940 ,, W. Kerr.	,, 8899 ,, J. Broderick.
,, 6428 ,, R. Carlyle.	,, 7170 ,, R. McDonald.
,, 7160 ,, A. Findlay.	,, 7792 ,, J. Campbell.

"F" Company.

No. 5390 Cpl. A. Stewart, (Best Shot of Company).

,, 3037 Cr.Sgt. G. Arnott.	No. 5374 Sgt. C. Phemister.
,, 5132 Cpl. F. Wainwright	,, 6535 L.Cpl. T. Cridland.
,, 7294 L.Cpl. T. Hempseed	,, 7623 Pte. D. Bruce.
,, 7001 Pte. T. Donohue.	,, 7549 ,, D. Edie.
,, 7628 ,, J. Galloway.	,, 5363 ,, R. McNie.
,, 7627 ,, W. Baird.	,, 6419 ,, A. Caskie.
,, 5712 ,, W. Murnin.	,, 5763 ,, J. McEachern.

No. 6315 Private P. Oliver.

"G" Company.

No. 6386 L.Sgt. J. Dougall, (Best Shot of Company).

,, 4644 C.Sgt. D. Ritchie.	No. 5297 L.Cpl. W. Kirkland
,, 4530 Pte. D. McDonald.	,, 5914 Pte. A. McPherson
,, 6248 ,, J. Murray.	,, 5994 ,, A. Rice.

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company :—

No. 5132 Corporal F. Wainwright, "F" Coy. to "A" Coy.
,, 7869 Drummer J. Wardrope, "G" ,, to "H" ,,

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Schoolmistress, Mrs. M. E. Brooke, from Royal Munster Fusiliers, with effect from 13th October, 1904, and to be attached to "B" Company.

No. 5530 Q.-M.-S. S. Gurney, Unattached List, (on resigning his appointment as Instructor of British Military Survey Class), with effect from 15th October, 1904, and is posted to "A" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

No. 8966 Private J. A. Borgen, "G" Company, transferred to the Middlesex Regiment, 1st November, 1904.

EMBARKED FOR ENGLAND IN THE H. T. "PLASSEY" ON 2ND NOVEMBER, 1904.

For transfer to Army Reserve.

No. 6218, Pte. G. Murphy, "G" Coy.	No. 5912, Pte. T. McKillop, "G" Coy.
,, 3914, ,, T. Macpherson, "G" Coy.	,, 3618, ,, W. Hughes, "H" Coy.
,, 3026, ,, N. Mackenzie, "H" Coy.	,, 5938, ,, J. Thorne, "G" Coy.
,, 5929, ,, J. B. Hunter, "G" Coy.	,, 5913, ,, G. Ironside, "H" Coy.
,, 5933, ,, A. Robertson, "F" Coy..	,, 5939, ,, G. Ingram, "F" Coy.
,, 5964, ,, R. Monteith, "E" Coy.	,, 5949, ,, J. McGilivray, "H" Coy.

Transfers to Home Establishment.

No. 4311, L.-Cpl. A. Wight, "C" Coy.	No. 4345, L.-Cpl. D. Finlayson. "B" Coy.
,, 4413, Pte. G. Fraser, "B" Coy.	,, 4417, Pte. J. Riddell, "C" Coy.
,, 4430, ,, W. Morrison, "F" Coy.	,, 4374, ,, J. Martin, "H" Coy.
,, 4593, ,, A. Livingston, ,, 2555, ,, A. Selley, "B" Coy.	,, 2106, ,, L.-Cpl. J. Ogden, "E" Coy.

Invalids.

No. 6755, Pte. N. Jolly, "H" Coy.	No. 7884, Pte. J. Robertson, "D" Coy.
,, 7669, ,, B. McDonald, "G" Coy.	,, 6988, ,, J. Lyons, "G" Coy.

CHANGE OF NAME.

No. 9226, Private J. Brown, "D" Company, changed to "Arthur Lowther."

No. 5827, Private J. B. Clarke, "F" Company, changed to "William Buik Patrick."

FURLOUGHS.

The undermentioned N.C.O's and men are granted furloughs as specified :—

No. 4654, Pte. C. Benee, "G" Coy. from 27th Nov., 1904, to 6th Jan. 1905.

No. 3378, Pipe-Major F. Lynch, "G" Coy. from 25th Nov. to 4th December, 1904.

No. J611, Piper R. S. Gunn, "A" Coy. from 25th Nov. to 4th December, 1904.

No. 6397, Piper J. Wright, "E" Coy. Nov. 9th to 5th Dec. 1904.

Domestic Occurrences.

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WAINWRIGHT.—At Poona, on the 31st October, 1904, the wife of Corporal F. Wainwright, "A" Company, of a daughter, Beatrice Elizabeth.

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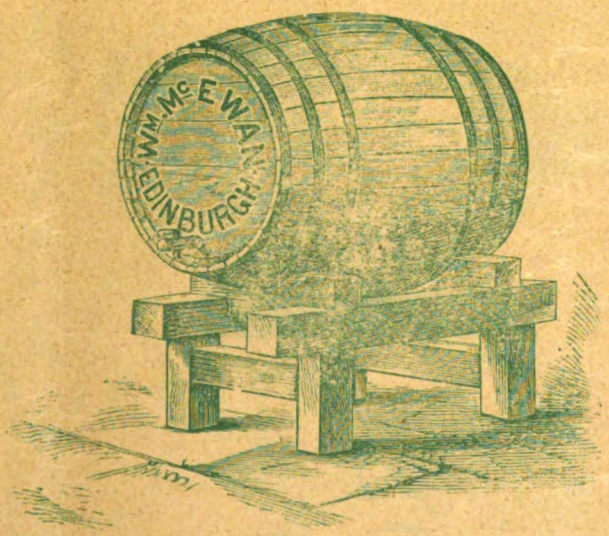

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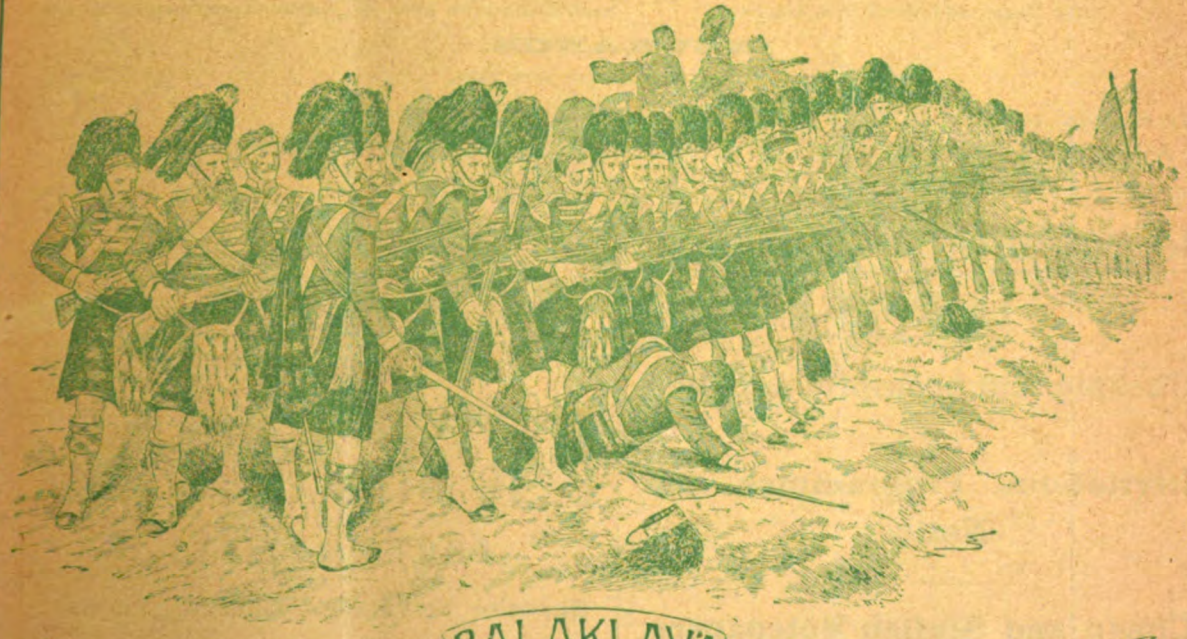

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SKIRLS

We take the opportunity of expressing to our many readers, scattered as they are in many countries, the old, old greeting: A Guid New Year, and mony o' them.

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The month has proved a long one for the Battalion in many respects, a two days' Bivouac at Katraj, and the test operations in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief's Efficiency Scheme, being the outstanding events. We give on another page a detailed account of both, and up to the moment of writing are still waiting the result of our efforts to annex the Cup.

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The Annual Musketry Course of the Battalion is now all but finished, "C" and "E" Companies having completed; and the Band, Signallers, and Casuals taken up the scoring. In "C" Company, Corporal J. McKinlay proved the best shot, securing the star with 295 points in part I., 79 points in part II., his grand total being 416, an exceptionally fine record; while the number of marksmen is 24: First class shots, 47; Second class shots, 25; and one Third class shot.

In "E" Company, Private J. Duncan is the highest scorer, his figures being as follows: Part I., 278, Part II., 99, Miscellaneous Practices, 36, the total being 413. There are 32 marksmen, 39 First class shots, 16 Second class shots, and one Third class shot. Up to date "E" Company appears to be the best shooting Company, with an average (including Practices 9A and 9B but not including Practice 19) of 304·8 points.

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Lieutenant O. C. Herbert sailed in the H.T. "*Plassey*" early in November on six month's leave.

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We have to welcome Lieutenant M. G. Sandeman back to the Ninety-Third after his campaigning experiences in Somaliland, and also 2nd Lieutenant A. C. Gilmour, who has joined us from the Ninety-First. On the departure of "The Buffs" for England Lieutenants T. T. Oakes and A. B. Harley, and 2nd Lieutenant H. A. Thewles, have been attached to the Battalion prior to appointment to the Indian Army.

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Sergeants Ferrier and McQueen have qualified at the School of Musketry, Deolali, for the appointment of Sergeant Instructor of Musketry.

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The Annual Inspection of the Battalion in Signalling took place during the month, and from the report on the result we hear that Sergeant Tawse and his men are, if anything, above the standard of last year.

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There are no changes in the Company commands to chronicle this month, but Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean has been appointed Brigade Signalling Officer, and Captain K. F. C. Marshall has been selected to attend the Royal Artillery Practice Camp at Aundh.

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The Battalion paraded in Review Order on the Maidan to hear the proclamation of the reappointment of Lord Curzon as Viceroy on his return to India. The parade was of short duration, the troops being formed up in three sides of a square, and as soon as the proclamation was read the order was given to march home.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson inspected "C" Company on detachment at Kirkee during the month. The detachment is to return at the end of January.

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Prior to the Regiment proceeding on the test operations, six men per company were detailed for a course of "chupatty" making, lasting four days. Looking at the ingenious methods of constructing ovens, and the many dodges for cooking in the field which they were taught by Sergeant-Major Fitzgerald and his staff, there appears every possibility of our securing a really well cooked meal in the future in the Field.

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Christmas in a Scottish Regiment generally passes without any undue conviviality, and this year was no exception. Beyond the closing of the Schools for the annual holidays, and there being no parade, nothing occurred to indicate that the season in which our Ghorpuri brethren hold high revel was at hand.

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One topic of common conversation is the draft which, under Captain Tweedie, is expected early in January. We hear that the members of the Royal Army Temperance Association purpose inviting the whole of the new arrivals to breakfast on the morning they reach Poona, and are organising a Concert and Dance in their honour. This act of kindly courtesy should go far to promote the interests of the Association.

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We have received the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Edinburgh Branch of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Association, and from it we gather that the Association has again been the means of relieving distress among some of our more unfortunate comrades. The expenditure in grants to members and for funeral expenses of deceased comrades greatly exceeds the income for the year, and as the Secretary and Treasurer have both given their services gratuitously, the working expenses have been reduced to a minimum. We trust the office-bearers will receive every encouragement in their efforts to lighten the declining years of our old comrades.

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We have to thank several of our readers for contributions of photographs, a selection of which appear as a supplement this month.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT the broon spots on his doug wis black.

That he bocht twa heel-plates for the taes o' his shoon.

That she canna' see wi' her een shut.

That we are further awa' frae the sun at five hunner' yards, than we are at twa.

That an officer o' his ain company wears "optics."

That the twa hauf-companies wad parade at the same time th' morrow, only vice-versa.

That he wantit a piece o' lead paper an' pencil.

That the worst o' a white jaiket is, ye hae nae place to pit your pockets.

That he had been on Guard every Hogmanay since he came to the country. (Total Indian service thirteen months.)

That he wantit to ken whit distance he wis leaving five hundred yairds.

That he wis for keeping the range on a register th' morn.

That Monday nicht will be last day o' the gaff.

That he could knock aboot like this till retreat th' morrow mornin'.

That a good "fizzer" for test matches is one tin of "wawkphar" to one gallon of water—stir well before taking.

That "H" Company's rifles have got enteric fouling.

That her last Bull's-eye wis an outer.

That a' Third class shots are for a course o' Morrison tube firing.

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The Test Operations.

On Thursday, 15th December, 1904, at exactly 7.40 a.m., the Battalion, with a strength of 18 officers and 768 rank and file, left the parade ground to perform the first part of the table laid down by Lord Kitchener in his efficiency test scheme, viz: marching fifteen miles in field service marching order, each man carrying 100 rounds of ball ammunition. As our own destination was at first intended to be Maranji, about fifteen miles N.W. of Poona, the way was taken through Ghorpuri, across the Bund, or Fitzgerald Bridge, round by Holkar's Bridge, and on to the main road near Ganeshkhind. A halt was made for a few minutes at Government House, and then moving on we quickly crossed the river at the pontoon bridge, Aundh, where we found General Richardson and his staff waiting for us. A mile or so further on we came on the baggage, which had moved on in front of us, and here also "C" Company, who had come on direct from Kirkee, joined us. A halt was then ordered, but only of a short duration, and we moved off on the second half of our journey. The sun being now well up and extremely powerful, and the roads very dusty, the march proved very trying, but everybody did their best, with the result that we reached the end of our journey about noon, thirsty but fit. The Battalion formed up in quarter column, and were minutely inspected by General Richardson and the medical officers, then while dinner was being served to the remainder of the troops, "E" Company, formed temporary earthworks round the field where the camp for the night was to be formed, other companies successively relieving them. Bivouacs were then put up and the camp lined ready to receive the Inspecting Officer, who arrived about 5 o'clock and carefully examined the state of the bivouac. Then darkness coming on, inlying and outlying picquets were posted, and everyone else took the opportunity of getting a well-earned rest.

After Reveille sounding the following day, the camp was quickly cleared and preparations made for the attack, the hill selected for the purpose being about two miles further on. Accordingly we set out, and on reaching the point from which the attack was to be directed, a halt was made, when both officers and non-commissioned officers were examined in map reading, etc. This finished, the advance was sounded, and the Ninety-Third "moved into battle." "A" and "H" Companies attacked the right flank, "D" and "C" the left flank, while "B" and "F" concerned themselves with the front of the position, "G" and "E" being in support. When the foot of the hill was finally reached, the reserves were brought up, bayonets fixed, and the order given to "Charge," the pipers played "Monymusk," the troops cheered and the enemy, represented by rows of targets in trenches, were carried at the point of the bayonet. The attack being so far ended, there remained the hill, (a very steep one too) to be climbed to test our powers of endurance. So up we went and it must have been a fine sight, when the leaders were nearing the summit, to see the "Rories" spread over the hill side; and when our Pipe-Major and "Jock" Wright (the first two of the pipers to reach the top) struck up "Scotland the brave" the scene was quite stirring. However, the long forenoon was finished and as we only climbed up in order to climb down again we soon reached camp, which had been moved on, to find the dinners cooked ready for us. A short rest for a smoke, and we moved out to defend a position against an expected attack from the 121st Pioneers, having during the interval exchanged ball for blank cartridges. We succeeded so well in this that the cease fire went about five o'clock when we "all went home for tea." Bivouacs were put up and the few minutes of leisure we then had were well needed, as shortly after six o'clock we paraded for a night march. Colonel Paterson took the right half Battalion, and Major Cavendish the left half, and after many devious routes had been traversed, inexplicable to the uninitiated, we all found ourselves back in camp about Tattoo. As most of us were fairly tired, the camp was soon quiet except for the many Hielan' snores coming from beneath the Bivouacs.

The sun was up before we were, next morning, and without delay everything was made ready for the road. The Battalion moved off in front of the baggage, but we had only reached "One Tree Hill" a distance of half a mile or so, when we found the enemies' scouts had come in contact with ours on our left flank. The river was soon reached and crossed, defensive positions being taken up by the rearguard on the bank overlooking the plain across which the enemy had to advance. They were so well kept in hand, however, by the rearguard of "B" and "F" Companies, that we were able to retire across the plain and seize the hills, about five miles from our bivouac of the previous night, which commanded the scene of operations. What the result of this movement was we did not hear, but the cease fire sounding a few minutes before twelve o'clock, saw the test operations practically finished, nothing remaining but to march home. This we did, a distance of about nine miles, arriving in Barracks about four o'clock, thirsty and tired, but conscious we had done our best for the old Corps.

The following week "F" Company were examined in free gymnastics and running drill, while "D" Company were tested in "bridging." We hope that the result of the test will soon be made known to us.

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Regimental Shooting Club.

The programme for December was unfortunately interrupted on two successive Thursdays, the first time owing to the Company going through Musketry requiring the range, and the second time on account of the Battalion being absent on Lord Kitchener's test On the three remaining Thursdays, however, competitions as advertised took place, and were fairly well attended. On Thursday, 1st December, 1904, the item on the bill was "The Kuropatkin Stakes," an amusing, but withal, instructive and severe test of accuracy in shooting at a moving target. "Kuropatkin," as represented by the figure on a moving target, dodged backwards and forwards, never at rest, while the firer expended seven rounds in a frequently vain attempt to hit the elusive representation of the great strategist. The results were as follows: —

1st	Corporal McLuckie	"H" Company	7 hits.
	Private Ciskie	"F" ,,	7 ,,
3rd	Corporal Fraser	"F" ,,	6 ,,
	Private Coutts	"A" ,,	6 ,,
5th	Lce. Corporal Cridland	"F" ,,	5 ,,
	,, ,, Paterson	"H" ,,	5 ,,
	Private Halford	"H" ,,	5 ,,
	,, Dickson	"H" ,,	5 ,,
	,, Morrison (8001)	"H" ,,	5 ,,
	,, Turnbull	"H" ,,	5 ,,
	,, Kilrain	"A" ,,	5 ,,

Thursday, 22nd December, 1904.—800 Yards, 1st Class target, nine rounds (seven to count). There were over eighty entries in this competition, but all of them higher class shots. The 2nd and 3rd class shots were conspicuous by their absence. The prize winners were as follows:—

			Score.
Marksmen:—Pte. Malcolm,	"F" Coy.	... ...	24
Cpl. Melville,	"H" ,,	... ...	24
Pte. Mowatt,	"D" ,,	... ..	24
L.-C. Montgomery,	"E" ,,	... ...	24
1st Class:—Pte. Hawthorne,	"H" ,,	... ...	25
Lance-Corp. Gray,	"H" ,,	... ..	25
Private Green,	"E" ,,	... ...	24

Thursday, 29th December, 1904:—500 Yards, 2nd Class target, nine rounds, (seven to count). A good entry resulted, this being a popular distance, and the "Pool" target was also well patronised. The 2nd and 3rd class shots were bracketed together to admit of a prize being given at all, owing to the poor number of entrants in these classes. Result as follows:—

		Score.
Marksmen.		
1st, Bandsman Yeo,	... .	26
2nd, Private Durick,	"A" Coy.	... 26
3rd, ,, Brown,	"B" ,,	... 26
4th, Cpl. Stewart,	"F" ,,	... 26
1st Class Shots.		
1st, Private Turnbull,	"H" Coy.	... 27
2nd, Corporal Shanks,	"B" ,,	... 26
3rd, Lce.-Cpl. Gray,	"H" ,,	... 26
4th, Pte. Hawthorne,	"H" ,,	... 26
2nd and 3rd Class Shots.		
1st, Corporal Hiddles,	"E" Coy.	... 25
2nd, Lce.-Cpl. McVea,	"C" ,,	... 22
3rd, Private Walker,	"A" ,,	... 20

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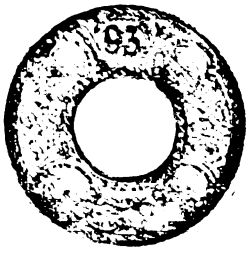
A word of advice to the second and third Class Shots. Do not delay to take up this all-important part of your military efficiency. It is of no avail to wait until your company is detailed for its Annual Course, before appearing at the Club shoots to practise. Take the matter seriously in hand at once, and you may, after seizing every opportunity of practice during the coming Musketry year, master the art of rifle shooting. You certainly will not do so if you wait till the Company is about to start its course. In this, as in few other sports or tests of skill, practice is everything.



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GI'E YER AIN HORN A TOOT.

Some fouk like tae say that the practice they scorn,
An' it's very bad taste noo tae blaw yer ain horn ;
But that as it may, let me tell ye richt oot—
If ye want tae get on, gi'e yer ain horn a toot.

Nae maitter what business ye chance tae pursue,
The key tae success here I offer ye noo—
Jist let people ken that ye're steppin' aboot,
An' ilk noo an' then gi'e yer ain horn a toot.

It's nice tae be modest, but nae ower the score—
An ower modest man is nae lang tae the fore :
Sae try it at aince, an, ye'll find it will suit—
If ye want tae get on, gi'e yer ain horn a toot.

Alex. Johnston.

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In Barracks.

Passward for the month:—"It's coming— it's coming on again."

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Christmas cheer, now so near,
English chum, full of fun;
Fill my inner, went to dinner,
Never fear, had some beer;
Had some more, down to floor;
Could not talk, much less walk,
Did'nt take trick, police came quick,
Marched me off, scarcely cough,
Fairly copped, Guard Room dropped.
C.O. next day, had to pay,
Won't go back, doing pack,
Now on tack.

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The "Test Operations" called a few old yarns to life again, one of which, though probably a chestnut to most of us, may be new to some readers. I heard one man in repeating the story gravely tell his listeners that the incident occurred during the South African War and that the hero of it was a Paisley man belonging to the First Volunteer Company. Well, perhaps the hero was a Paisley man, but the yarn had at least two good conduct badges before the South African War commenced. But to the story—Patent rations had been issued to the troops and the company orderly corporal was distributing the tins amongst the various messes. "Here," he he said to a youngster who was passing, "take Maconachie rations to the guard." "Maconachie's rations," said the youngster. "Why should I take his rations tae the gaird? He disna belang tae nia section, forbye I dinna think there's a man o' that name in the hale company."

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The draft will soon be with us, I hear, and none too soon either, as the battalion has been shorn of a great deal of its strength during the past two or three months. The time-honoured custom of giving the draft a nickname is still being kept up, and as the name is usually chronicled in the T.R.L. I suppose it will not be out of place to mention two or three of the names I have heard suggested. First in order of peculiarity is the name "The Iddi-ottles," suggested on account of the draft arriving at the height of the Iddi-ottle *(Anglice*—Spear-grass) season. Next comes the name "Tourists," bestowed on account of so many three years men being with the draft, and lastly the name "Invaders," which I suppose is consequent upon the Ninety-First having formed part of the Invading Army which under General Sir John French landed on the Essex coast during the Autumn Manœuvres in England. A considerable amount of ingenuity has evidently been expended in securing a suitable name, and personally I fancy the latter nick-name.

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No third prize will be awarded for answering the following conundrums:—

Why is "A" Company the best protected company in the Regiment?
Why is "B" Company the most graceful company?
Why is "C" Company the most powerful company?
Why is "D" Company the best ordered company?
Why is "E" Company the most precious company?
Why is "F" Company more noticeable than any other company?
Why is "G" Company less likely to starve than any other company?
Why is "H" Company so much sought for?
Why is the Band not fit to pull tug-o-war?

(Answers invited.)

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You have probably read somewhere that the telephone is an old, old invention, said to have been used by the Egyptians, and was possibly the means of communication between Pharoah and Moses regarding the third plague. I am quite willing to admit this, however, but have you ever noticed what a source of interest the instrument is to the average soldier when it is in use on the range? (It has been frequently discovered that after carrying it to the thousand yards firing point nothing can be heard but a confused bir-r-r.)

However, when the "heid sodjer" is enjoying his breakfast in the shade of an adjoining tree, just watch the funny man of the company as he goes up to the telephone. Seizing the transmitter, he shouts in to it, "Hullo! are you there?" Whether he expects an answer or not is difficult to say, but, without waiting long enough to receive one, he continues. "All right, stay there!" This pretty piece of wit is generally received with a laugh all round, and thus encouraged he commences a conversation with someone at the other end, possibly thinking it is his "boozing" chum. "Haw Jimmy, i' ye there! Is that you Jimmy?" he exclaims, and on a gruff voice answering him telling him to go to blazes or some other inconvenient abode, our humorist, possibly recognizing the voice of one whom he did not in the least wish to meet, leaves the instrument in order that some other funny man may continue the conversation,—and take the consequences.

They were arguing about the various types of Service Rifles they had used and the distance each carried. "Peter the Snip" said the rifle he had at present was sighted to 28,000 yards and could carry double that distance. This was considered a bit thick even to those not in possession of a School of Musketry certificate, and doubtless "Jimmy frae Falkirk" was actuated by sarcasm when he chimed in with the information that his rifle carried 28,000 miles that the bullet travelled on wheels.

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The Russo-Japanese War.

Following on the capture of 203 Metre Hill (High Hill) the Japanese on 3rd December opened a heavy bombardment on the Russian ships in Port Arthur harbour, and by the 9th the four battleships Retvisan, Peresviet, Pobieda, and Poltava, the cruisers Pallada, and the gunboat Gilyak had been sunk in shallow water, the cruiser Bayan was burned and the battleship Sevastopol had to seek refuge in the outer anchorage. Continuing the bombardment on 11th and 13th, the wireless telegraph station on Golden Hill was damaged and the arsenal and torpedo depots were set on fire. The Sevastopol, carefully defended by booms and torpedo netting, was attacked by torpedo boats during the nights of the 14th and 15th, and rendered useless. On the 18th another of the Eastern Forts was captured; on 23rd all the Russian positions West of Port Arthur fell to the Japanese, and on 28th the Erh-lung-shan (or Double Dragon Hill) fort N.E. of the town was taken by assault with several heavy guns as booty. These successes render the fall of Port Arthur a question of hours only, while the destruction of the fleet has enabled Admiral Togo to withdraw his fleet to Japan to prepare for meeting the Baltic Fleet.

In addition to the Japanese cruiser Saiyuen which was sunk by a mine on November 30th, both the Japanese and Russians lost several torpedo craft during December.

On 22nd December the Japanese captured the steamer Nigretea making for Vladivostok with contraband of war, and having on board some Russian and Naval officers who had escaped from Shanghai; they seized the British steamer "King Arthur," which had run a cargo of flour from Bombay into Port Arthur and was coming out with a number of escaping Russian officers on board.

The position of the Sha-river remained unchanged to all outward seeming, and a number of military attachés and correspondents have left the front for more comfortable winter quarters at home or in Japan.

It is stated that a third Manchurian army, to number 160,000 men, is being formed at Kharbin under command of General Kaulbars, but the problem for the Russians of how to feed their already enormous force in Manchuria by means of a single line of railway is a sufficiently formidable one without the added complication of a third army.

Admiral Foelkersahm's Division of the Baltic Fleet arrived at Djiboutil in the Red Sea on December 4th, and after a stay there of about three weeks for coaling and repairs, left towards the end of the month for Madagascar. The portion under Admiral Roshdestvensky, after touching at Mossamedes in Portuguese West Africa, arrived on 11th December at Angra Pequina in German West Africa, where coaling took place from colliers previously sent there, and on 19th the squadron was seen passing Capetown also making for Madagascar. On their arrival there the Russians will learn the very unpleasant news concerning the destruction of the Port Arthur fleet, and what will be still worse for shaky nerves, the comparatively near neighbourhood of real Japanese ships—not Dogger Bank spirituous apparitions! For two Japanese cruisers called at Singapore an 22nd, and told the yarn (evidently intended for Baltic Fleet consumption) that two battleships, four cruisers and twelve destroyers were near, all steaming Westwards! Again on 29th it was reported that several of their warships had passed Aujer, an Island in the Sunda Straits between Java and Sumatra, going Westward. These reports may be true but it is extremely unlikely that Admiral Togo would risk the destruction of part of his battleships in attacking so far from his base the reunited Baltic Fleet, or Second Pacific Squadron as it is now called; it is much more likely he has cruisers only scouting on the lines by which the Russian Fleet can proceed Eastwards, and searching for its colliers in Eastern waters whilst he keeps his battleships nearer home awaiting the decisive naval fight which he will seek to bring about.

The North Sea Enquiry Commission held its first meeting in Paris on 22nd, and after electing the Austrian Admiral Spaun as Fifth Commissioner and settling details of their future procedure, adjourned until January 9th. Meanwhile Russian agents had by means of bribes in money and drink, been trying to obtain evidence amongst the fishermen to bolster up the yarn about two Japanese torpedo boats having been amongst the fishing fleet They succeeded in getting one man, whilst drunk, to sign a sworn statement, and three others to make statements to that effect before the Russian Consul at Hull. We shall see the value of this evidence next month!

On December 3rd the British Government having ascertained that a German steamer at Cardiff was taking coal for the Baltic Feet, issued orders to stop her doing so—a step that might well have been taken earlier, in the case of other steamers of British as well as foreign nationalities.

During September, October and November no less than 12,000 Russian refugees flying from conscription, mobilization, and other evils in their own country arrived in England; many of them, fortunately for us, were able to move on to America, but our alien population received a large

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addition to its pauper numbers just as the lack of employment was already beginning to be severely felt in England.

Amonst the immense numbers of unwilling reservists called up to reinforce the armies in Manchuria and corps in Russia more serious rioting has occurred, and the reforming and revolutionary parties have made use of the marked dislike to the resumption of military duties to promote rioting and desertion amongst the soldiers, and disorder generally. The Tzar, governed by party officialdom but chiefly by his religious adviser, steadfastly refuses to grant any real reforms.

Katraj Operations.

On the morning of the 7th December the Battalion paraded as strong as possible and marched out to take part in a scheme of operations designed to test the qualifications of some half dozen officers for "tactical fitness." In spite of the fact that operations were not to commence till 9-30 a.m., and the distance to the rendezvous was only some three miles along one of the roads to Satara, that leading through Khandwa Khd, the hour fixed for the start by the Staff was 6-30 a.m., which gave us a couple of hours to wait at Khandwa B, the "position of assembly." On arrival there we found the 94th Russell's Infantry already waiting, and after a short time the 29th Battery, R.F.A. and two squadrons of the 33rd Light Cavalry arrived. At 9-30 sharp troops fell in, and the General and Special idea were conveyed to us. The former consisted in the information that the country was in a state of unrest, and that the khaki force, which we represented, were part of the insurgents, and that the Red Force, Government troops, consisting of the 121st Pioneers, 18th Battery R.F.A. and one squadron of the 33rd Light Cavalry, were escorting a convoy into Poona, along the road from Satara through Katraj. The special idea was that the khaki force was to endeavour at all costs to cut off the convoy and destroy or capture it as it emerged from the difficult hill country near Katraj, the distance from our rendezvous to the latter place being about two miles. To our Battalion commander was assigned the task of reaching the road along which the convoy was believed to be moving, before the arrival of the escort, and taking up a position to arrest its progress. The cavalry were sent out to the front and flanks, the native infantry to the right flank to guard against a possible attack from the troops in Poona, while the Artillery took up positions and from time to time shelled the escort. Two of our companies accompanied the advanced guard on each side and the remainder went straight for the objective. Resistance was encountered from the Red Cavalry and Artillery, but the scheme was successfulin securing a strong position across the convoy's route in time to prevent it passing, and when the cease fire went we found we ha l only a few hundred yards to march into the place selected for the bivouac for the night. Here we found everything in readiness, our baggage having been sent direct under the neutral flag, and we had nothing to do but eat the dinners already prepared for us. The remainder of the day was passed in peace, and was employed by several of the Officers in shooting a small jheel which connected two tanks by the road-side. We hope, from the number of shots fired, that the bag was satisfactory, and hear that it consisted of snipe, quail and teal.

After a comfortable night in our blankets, and breakfast having been eaten, we fell in for the next phase of the scheme, which consisted in covering our bivouac from an attack by the troops from Poona. We lined a strong position among the hills and apparently succeeded in our defence, as on returning to camp our dinners were still there, and, what is more, ready for consumption.

A rest was allowed till 3 p.m. or so, and then we assumed the offensive and fought our way back to Poona. The first incident was due to the initiative of the cavalry commander, who created a most realistic scene by suddenly appearing on a flank and firing down on the whole of our force, Mounted Infantry, guns, and British and Native Infantry. A charge by the M. I., covered by the fire of the rest of us, to the foot of the hill, where they immediately dismounted and stormed the position, quickly forced the cavalry to mount and disappear, without having done us much damage. We believe that doughty deeds were done later in the afternoon by "G" Company, who, under cover of artillery fire stormed a Battery on a hill, but unfortunately our war correspondent was engaged at the time in leading another portion of the attack and failed afterwards to obtain an impartial account of the assault.

However, towards 6 p.m. the cease fire sounded, and we arrived back in barracks by 7 p.m., feeling much the better of the outing.

Although no report of victory or defeat has been vouchsafed us, we at any rate hope that our efforts were successful in obtaining the qualifying standard by the candidates for examination.

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Entertainments.

Regimental Amusement Club Concert.

Since the Regimental Amusement Club was formed some months ago, we have been kept pretty much in the dark regarding its doings, and just as our Editorial Department had resolved to enquire and record them for the benefit of our readers, we heard sundry rumours of a Concert and Display being contemplated. Accordingly, on seeing our Company Orderly Sergeants floating around with a bundle of tickets and a programme announcing that a two nights Gymnastic Display and Variety Entertainment would be held in the Regimental Theatre, we quickly secured the necessary vouchers of admission, and at the appointed hour found the Ninety-Third's orchestra under the leadership of Band Master Walsh discoursing sweet music to a crowded house. Then Drummer Stewart came on and scored a hit with his comic song "McIntosh and me." I have never seen it recorded in the pages of the "Thin Yin" before, that out of the thousand and one mixed troops who came out on the "Assaye" last year, Drummer Stewart secured, in spite of a large entry, first place for his singing of a "Scottish" comic song. But to proceed. The second item on the programme was a club swinging display by several members of the Amusement Club, and it might be as well to remark that in this and all the other displays given by the members, their performance shewed exceptional merit and reflects very creditably on their instructors. Then came Sergeant Duffet who contributed a good comic song, and later on gave a very excellent display of club swinging. Bandsman Walsh made appearance next, singing in his usual good voice, and was followed by Lieutenant R. R. Forbes, who came in from Kirkee and fairly convulsed his audience by his amusing description of the Touring Theatrical Companies with which we are all so familiar. Bandsman Noble and Walsh then contributed a duet, and the interval then occurring, the second half of the evening's entertainment opened with another fine selection from the orchestra. Bandsmen Noble opened the variety with an amusing ditty entitled "I've brought the coals" and for an encore gave "Can't stop." Bandsman Browne was well received in his Piccolo solo, and after Sergeant Duffet's club swinging Sergeant Markey appeared in a coster rig-out and sang about "a real face." This being well received he gave as an encore the ever popular "Bill", the audience joining in the chorus most enthusiastically. Bandsman Mackenzie gave a finished performance in his violin solo, and had to respond to an encore. A Gymnastic display by the members of the Club concluded the programme, which is appended.

PROGRAMME.

Part I.

1.	Overture	Le Diademe	*Band.*
2.	Song (Comic)	McIntosh and me	*Dr. Stewart.*
3.	Club Swinging		*Amusement Club Class*
4.	Song (Comic)	The Bond Street Tea Walk	*Sergt. Duffett.*
5.	Highland Fling		*Lce.-Cpl. Cridland.*
6.	Duet	Excelsior	*Bnds. Walsh and Noble.*
7.	Sketch	Selected	*Lieut. Forbes.*
8.	Sword Drill		*Amusement Club Class.*
9.	Song	Lilly of Languna	*Bd. Walsh.*

Part II.

1.	Overture	Salviago	*Band.*
2.	Song (Comic)	I've brought the Coals	*Bd. Noble.*
3.	Sword Dance		*Lce.-Cpl. Cridland.*
4.	Piccolo Solo	Lilliputian	*Bd. Browne.*
5.	Trick Club Swinging		*Sgt. Duffett.*
6.	Song (Comic)	Selected	*Sgt. Markey.*
7.	Violin Solo	The Harp that once	*Bd. McKenzie.*
8.	Parallel Bars and Tableaux		*Amusement Club Class.*

Christmas Festivities.

The Regimental Theatre presented quite a festive appearance on the occasion of the Annual Christmas treat sanctioned to the married folks of the Regiment by Colonel Paterson.

Outside the Theatre the guests were met by Colonel and Mrs. Paterson, supported by several ladies and many officers of the Regiment, and without any delay sat down to partake of a delightful tea and to listen to the Band which, at intervals, rendered pleasing selections. After tea everyone moved outside, where, in addition to the round about for the youngsters, a couple of native jugglers attempted to mystify their audience. However, it was enjoyed by all so that when the dusk came down both young and old were in good trim for the most important part of the evening's work—the dismantling of the Christmas Tree. Mrs. Paterson took the part of Father Christmas for the occasion, and to say that the children enjoyed this is putting it too mildly—every one present thoroughly enjoyed it. There was something for everyone, no matter the age, sex, or size, and when the depletion of the tree was finished, and the band played "The King," we were all too sorry that it was over for yet another year. On the call of our Sergeant-Major, cheers were given for Colonel and Mrs. Paterson, and on retiring the seasonable greetings of our Colonel and his lady were thoroughly reciprocated by all present.

Another festive gathering was the one promoted by the Rev. A. Cant in connection with the congregation of St. Andrew's, Church of Scotland, and which was held in the grounds of the Church. A sumptuous repast was provided for the children, while tea and cake were handed round amongst the older members of the community. Then after an interval of watching native jugglers and listening to two of our pipers, the Christmas tree was despoiled of its treasures, the toys being distributed amongst the children.

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Home and Depot Notes.

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Last month, in London, the Victoria Cross awarded to Lance-Corporal J. Dunley, 93rd Highlanders, for gallantry at Secundrabagh, 16th November, 1857, was sold by auction, and fetched £50. Attached to a silver plate is the bullet taken from Dunley's knee at the assault on the fort.

Lance-Corporal Dunley was elected by the private soldiers of the regiment for the award of the Victoria Cross for being the first man, surviving, of the regiment, who, on the 16th of November 1857, entered one of the breaches in the Secundrabagh with Captain Burroughs, whom he most gallantly supported against superior numbers.

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A concert took place on 7th December, 1904, in the Gymnasium at Stirling Castle for the benefit of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association. There was a record attendance, and an excellent programme was gone through by local artists. Songs were contributed by Mr. and Miss Page, Lance-Corporal Phillips, Lance-Sergeant Boag, Miss Phillips, Mr. C. Hiller, Unionist Club; Miss Low, Colour-Sergeant Instructor of Musketry Patou; while Private McCulloch gave two violin selections. Selections were also rendered by Mr. Robertson's band. The programme was varied by gymnastic displays by a squad under Sergeant-Instructor Dibbs. Mr. and Miss Page gave piano selections, while Miss Page and Mr. Howell played the piano accompaniments. The concert was a great success, and a considerable sum was realised.

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There was buried lately in Edinburgh, with military honours, another of the Crimean veterans, Sergeant Donald McLeod, who died at the age of seventy-three. Mr. McLeod was born at Tain, Ross-shire, and while a lad of seventeen he enlisted in the Ninety-Third, in which regiment he served for eleven years. With the Ninety-Third he fought in the Crimean War, being present at Sebastopol, Balaklava, and the Alma, for which he received clasps, and he also possessed the Crimea and Turkish medals, 1854-55. He was one of the "Thin Red Line."

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Captain William Hume Middlemass, late of the Ninety-First, died on the 22nd November at Graham's Town, South Africa, aged fifty-four. He entered the Service as a lieutenant in February 1874, was promoted captain in April 1884, and retired in 1886.

The Ninety-First have added to their fine football reputation by defeating the 1st King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in the first round for the Blue Ribband of Army Football—the first meeting resulting in a draw, one goal each, but in the second match the Ninety-First team proved victors by two goals to nothing. The brothers Inglis in the back division played a splendid game for the "Magpies." In the second round the Ninety-First have been drawn against the 2nd Battalion Liverpool Regiment.

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H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll has graciously consented to accept a copy of the "Records of the 3rd Battalion," compiled by Colonel A. H. Middleton, and just published by Mr. Eneas Mackay, Stirling.

Colonel Middleton's industry in compiling such a useful record of the Services of the Battalion under his command will be appreciated by a wide circle of friends of the Regiment. The history of the Battalion begins with an extract from the Stirling Kirk Session Records dated 24th June, 1639, and is carried on to the present time. The volume is well got up in every respect, and we congratulate Colonel Middleton on his excellent work.

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A writer in a recent issue of *T.I.T.* describes how many famous fortresses have fallen. The following is the account of Sebastopol. On September 8th, 1855, it will be remembered, the British stormed and occupied the Redan, but were forced to evacuate it owing to its being swept by the fire of the Russian guns on the inner fortification. That night a young officer of the 93rd Highlanders, Lieutenant and Adjutant McBean, found himself unable to sleep; so he wrapped himself in his greatcoat, and strolled towards the enemy's lines. All seemed unusually quiet, and he could not disabuse his mind of the belief that the fortress was deserted. Hurrying back, he told General Colin Campbell of his suspicions, and obtained leave to verify them. Two other officers and some twenty men volunteered to accompany him, and it is to this little band that belongs the honour of being the first to enter the great fortress which for the best part of a year had defied the combined armies of England, France, and Turkey. And the strangest part of the whole strange business is that they entered it unopposed, and left it unharmed, the garrison having silently withdrawn under cover of darkness, some hours previously.

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The Rothesay Express has the following in reference to the wind up of "I" (Rothesay Com-

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pany) 1st Volunteer Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. —

The end of October closed the Volunteer year, and the affairs of the local Rifles are being gradually wound up. All the rifles, bayonets, and other accoutrements have been handed in, and the local instructor is being kept busy getting the arms, etc., which are Government property, ready for despatch to the Government depot at Stirling. The overcoats, etc., which belong to the corps, will go to headquarters at Greenock. Sergt.-Instructor Wight is expected to leave shortly for Greenock, where he will be attached to the headquarters staff. It may be mentioned that the local drill hall is a joint concern of the Artillery and Rifles, but it is expected that a satisfactory arrangement will be arrived at.

The bulk of the members of the defunct corps were of the shopkeeping class, and though including many good shots, will probably be lost to volunteering. It is not anticipated that the Artillery Volunteers will be augmented to any great extent by the older members of the Rifles, who will no doubt feel averse to starting again as recruits, but from the younger members, and with a free hand now in the whole island, it is expected that this branch of the service will receive greater support in the future.

The company will not be formally disbanded till the members receive their discharges, which may not be till January.

A hope is still cherished by some of the members that there is yet a possibility of the company being attached to the Argyllshire battalion.

Twenty-five of the members have intimated their intention of joining the Greenock companies, to be drilled in Rothesay, and to attend battalion drills in Greenock.

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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

Keeping Hogmanay.

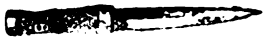
Following a time-honoured custom, Hogmanay was celebrated in the Sergeants' Mess by a Smoking Concert. Owing to the New Year falling on a Sunday the usual celebrations were a little curtailed, and the concert commenced somewhat earlier than usual. Telegrams were read during the evening giving the greetings of our comrades of the K.O.S.B.'s in Burma, and from the Sergeants of the Ninety-Third at present in exile at Deolali. The Concert was an unqualified success. "Jock" Bertram was a host in himself in contributing to the joviality of the evening. His recitation "Auld Glesca on the Clyde" was given in his most "polished" style, and one of his songs "Old King Cole" (a new military version) was the hit of the entertainment. Sergeant Ferrier surprised everybody by the excellence of his rendering of "The Bonnie Lass o' Ballochmyle," and Sergeant-Major Ditcham and Bandmaster Walsh were as usual in splendid form. Mention must also be made of Colour-Sergeant Clark and Lance-Sergeant Tawse, who were both very good. However, there is no need to specialise further as all did their best to contribute towards a very enjoyable evening. The officers, headed by Major Cavendish, made their appearance shortly after the New Year was ushered in and met with the usual hearty reception. Major Cavendish, who apologised for the absence of Colonel Paterson owing to illness, in a humorous speech reviewed the happenings of the year that had just passed, after which the New Year was toasted all round and good wishes exchanged for nineteen hundred and five.

Appended is a programme of the Concert :—

PROGRAMME.

Song	"Anchored"	*Cr. Sgt. F. W. Clarke.*
Song	"Bill"	*Lce. Sgt. J. Markey.*
Song	"The Last Muster"	*Bandmaster Walsh.*
Song	"Oh Promise me"	*Lce. Sgt. J. Dougall.*
Song	"Bonnie Jeannie Shaw"	,, ,, *R. Tawse.*
Recitation	"Auld Glesca on the Clyde"	,, ,, *J. Bertram.*
Song	"Sailing"	*Cr. Sgt. A. Lockie.*
Song	"My daughter Mary Ann"	,, ,, *G. Arnott.*
Song	"D'ye ken John Peel"	,, ,, *C. Johnston.*
Song	"Oh memories dear"	*Sgt. J. Doig, R. Scots.*
Song	"The poached egg" (with variations)	*Cr. Sgt. J. Ewan.*
Song	"Bonnie lass o' Ballochmyle"	*Sgt. J. Ferrier.*
Song	"Loo Loo"	*Sgt. J. Ferrier.*
Song	"Old King Cole"	*Lce. Sgt. J. Bertram.*
Song	"In days of old"	*Sgt. Major H. Ditcham.*
Song	"The Lea Rigg"	*Lce. Sgt. R. Tawse.*

The members of the Sergeants' Mess were seasonably greeted by the receipt of Christmas cards from their brother non-commissioned officers in all parts of the world. The list is so long this year that we refrain from publishing it. Most of the cards were prettily designed, and reflect great credit on the various corps for their keen perception of the artistic. The Sergeants desire to thank all their comrades for the good feeling of comradeship displayed in the sending of such seasonable tokens, and heartily reciprocate the wishes so cordially expressed.



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The Man from Omdurman.

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I am not going to tell you at which particular canteen I met him; and I shall not state whether the distinguished colour on his khaki-covered helmet was red, green, or yellow. I bear no malice and I don't want to give him away—although he certainly "had" me.

We stood at the bar, sampling Simond's; the apostrophe *is* pronounced—in military circles.

He drank with the appreciation of one who thirsted anon, and I prevailed upon him till he consented to the replenishment of his drinking vessel at my expense, that is to say, I stuck the beer!

I am of an imaginative disposition, and on his sunburnt countenance I saw—figuratively speaking, of course—plainly written, "Omdurman." So I entered into conversation with him, anticipating details.

"Just back from the front?"

"Yes, chum, and glad I am too. It's a blessing to get a drop of civilised beer again, to say nothing of the more substantial comforts!

"Then you got no beer there?"

"Beer! Shall I tell you what we got? Shall I give you the name of the fluid that was offered—and accepted gladly enough at the time—to the thirstin' Tommies, after a march over a country that seemed paved with demerara sugar, sugar that had a comfortable knack of working through the folds of of your putties down into your boots, after a journey under a sun that made the air of the desert as hot as the inside of a closed cook-house? Shall I tell you what Tommy Atkins drank? Come here while I whisper it to you, for I'd be ashamed to tell you out loud."

Here I approached him more closely, and into my ear in a hoarse sepulchral whisper, he hissed *Coffee*. And then, either forgetting his caution, or carried away by his feelings, he continued in a louder, conversational tone, "Coffee—think of it! Thirsty warriors from Whitechapel and Birmingham drinking coffee! And such coffee, too! even the rank teetotallers turned pale, and thought with longing of the steaming urns at the Soldiers' Homes. I tell you it was such Coffee as made us sorry for the nasty things we had said about the usual gunfire coffee when we were in barracks. I shall never give cookhouse coffee a bad name again, I shall know that, with all its faults, it is not made of Nile water."

But I did'nt feel interested in the commissariat part of the campaign, what I wanted to hear about was the shelling of the Mahdi's tomb, the capture of Omdurman, and the Lancers' charge.

"Oh! the battle," he said: "Yes, it wasn't bad, as battles go, but of course there's not half so much fun in a battle as you chaps think; I know what you are thinking about. You think we carried on like the chap in the song, gave somebody a lock of our hair to take home to someone in the City Road—pressed the photograph in our pocket nearer to our heart (just as if any chap with over a week's service would carry such an awkward thing as a photo in his pocket) and shouted out 'For Queen and Country and the gallant City Red,' and rushed on to meet death or any such less punishment. Not a bit of it, except that we didn't do the physical drill and the sword exercise we might have been on General's inspection, doing the attack."

"But the charge of the Lancers?" I said, "did you see that?"

"The charge?—Oh yes, that was grand, and the Lancers deserve all that was said about them, and a good deal more besides. Man—they went splendidly!"

"But your own part in the fight, now tell me about that!"

"Oh! of course a chap doesn't care to talk about himself much," he began, "still I think I gave a pretty good accounnt of myself to those three Dervishes."

Now—thought I—I shall get details. Here I replenished the drinking vessels again.

"We were right at the end of the line, and hadn't seen a sign of a Dervish; when all of a sudden we heard a yell, and then the whole desert seemed to swarm with them. On they came, millions of them, shouting and yelling enough to turn the stomach of anyone—and we down on the knee at the present—waiting till they got close enough for us to fire; and when we did blaze off at them, it stopped their rush considerably. I thought I heard someone give the order to advance, so I jumped up off the knee and shouted out 'follow me, lads,' and rushed straight at three great Dervishes that were making for us. I never noticed till I got close to them that my company hadn't advanced, and that I had rushed on alone. But I thought to myself, 'Smith, lad it's death or glory now, so here goes!' I could'nt tell you exactly how it was done, but in less than a few minutes I had those three dervish chaps weltering in their Arab gore, all lying dead alongside each other, and by that time my company had come up with me."

Here was bravery, thought I, and yet how light he made of it all—himself.

"Of course," I said, "you afterwards obtained and brought back curios—spears, etc.?"

"Spears?—yes, I've got the spears of those three chaps that I put out of mess. Would you like to see them? I've got them in my room just across the way."

I said that I certainly should; and he again

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suffered me to replenish the drinking vessels—preparatory to his "just nipping over to get the spears." While he was gone to fetch them, I reflected on the prowess of this man, whose appearance was nothing extraordinary. Three huge Dervishes laid low by him without assistance! And then how reticent he had been to speak of the affair. But after reflecting for about a quarter of an hour, I began to think that if his room really *were* only just across the way, he should have been back—spears in hand—by this. But perhaps I was too impatient. Or, again, perhaps he could not find the spears. After a few minutes more, another man came up to me and said, "I suppose he (evidently referring to my friend who had gone in quest of the weapons) has been spinning you a 'cuffer.'"

I replied in the affirmative, adding that I had been intensely interested in the same "cuffer." My new friend said, "Of course you didn't take it in?" As I had no reason to doubt the veracity of the legend, I ceratinly *had* "taken it in," and said so accordingly.

He laughed. "Of course," he continued, "it's not your fault—*you* can't be expected to tell who went to the front and who didn't; but this chap never got any nearer to the Dervishes than Cairo. He was in hospital all the while. (I gasped.) Where is he now?"

"Well!" I said, "at present I am waiting his return with the spears he took from the three Dervishes he slew."

"Spears, eh!" and he burst into a fit of laughter. "But if you'd like to see some real spears I'll show you some—"

However, I didn't bother. The laugh was quite enough against me as it was, I didn't care to increase it, so I came away.—*The Nines.*

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The Japanese Kit.

The following extract is from a recent issue of the *British Medical Journal*:—Miss McCaul, who saw much of the British soldier on service in South Africa and of the working of the medical department of the British Army, was recently commissioned by Her Majesty the Queen to go to Japan to inquire into the working of the Japanese Red Cross Society. She has brought back with her the complete outfit of a soldier of the Japanese Imperial Guard, which was presented to her by General Taranchi, the Minister of War, together with the samples of the food supplied to the soldier on active service. These various artiles, which have been inspected by the King, who has expressed great interest in the many ingenious devices they present, will shortly be exhibited at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall. By the courtesy of Miss McCaul we have been allowed to inspect and take photographs of the various articles. The complete outfit comprises both winter and summer uniforms, underclothing, overcoats, putties and boots, gloves and hoods, knapsack, haversack, water bottle, mess tin and canteen, a grass-woven case to contain the ration of rice, blanket, portable tent, mosquito net for the head, housewife, bandage-wrapper, and identification label. There is even a tin box containing creosote pills, which each soldier must carry and is expected to take as a prophylactic against dysentery. One notable feature of all the clothing is that it is apparently made of the best material. The material for the winter clothing appears to be all wool, and in colour and warmth reminds one of the brownish Jaeger clothing which is well known in this country. Summer Kit.—In the neat blue parade uniforms, jacket or tunic, plain flat brass buttons are used, but in the working kit buttons are done away with as far as possible, fastenings being in nearly all instances carried out by means of flat hooks and eyes. The summer jacket and trousers are of khaki drill; the jacket is perfectly plain, and there are no buttons on any of the garments. A strip of white linen is issued to wind round the neck as a collar inside the tunic. The forage cap which goes with this uniform is a marvel of lightness. It has a detachable linen cover to be used in summer, from which hangs a linen screen to protect the neck. This screen being made in three parts—a centre and two sides—allows the air to pass freely. For all uniforms the trousers are made like riding breeches, in that they end above the ankle, where they are made to fit tight to the limb, being fastened by tapes instead of buttons. Putties or gaiters must, of course, be worn with these. The ordinary great-coat is of thick wollen cloth with bone buttons. It has a hood which can be drawn over the head. A comparatively small detail in the cut of this, as also of the winter great-coat, shows how carefully health, and comfort, and therefore individual efficiency, have been considered. The free edges of the front, instead of being cut straight, slope outwards below the waist, making the skirt of the coat lap over more completely below; it is thus prevented from gaping in walking, and the legs and knees are protected from rain. The front of the skirt can be buttoned back to allow free movement of the lower limbs for marching in dry weather. A mosquito-net "helmet," or head covering, in addition to its value as preventive of malaria, is a great comfort in summer, when there are many flies. That issued to the Japanese soldier is made of green netting, stretched on two circles of cane, so as to make a long drum with one end knocked out, into which the head is passed. The two rings of cane are kept apart by a wire spring, which allows the drum to be flat-

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tened and buttoned down for carriage Winter Kit.—The winter tunic and trousers are made plain, like the khaki suit, but are of good woollen cloth. The "cold-proof" winter overcoat merits some description, for it seems to be devised to ensure warmth in the most severe climate. Made of thick woollen cloth, it has a large collar covered with fur, which is of course inside when the collar is raised From the middle of the edge of this collar a cotton cap or hood can be pulled out so as to cover the head, and over this can be worn the ample detached woollen "cold-proof" hood. Hanging by cords from the neck are large gloves or mittens—one division for all the fingers and one for the thumb; they can thus be thrown off, when the hand is required for firing or for any other purpose, without being lost. A sheepskin waistcoat with the wool outside is also issued for severe weather. It fastens at one side. The underclothing is of similar good material to that of the outer garments, a cotton shirt and drawers for summer and a thick knitted woollen jersey, or sweater, and pants for winter. The ribboned woollen stockings are made without heels, and warm toe-caps are issued in the coldest weather to wear over the stocking to prevent frost bite. These toe-caps are made of lambswool material very like thick lint, the soft surface being inside. A roll of fine striped flannel of very good quality and about a yard and a half long is issued to be wound round the abdomen and takes the place of a cholera belt. Boots.—The ordinary army boots give the impression of comfort and durability. In general appearance they resemble the boot issued to the British soldier, but on close inspection they are seen to be far superior. The leathers of the uppers is good and reasonably soft; the sole is thinner than that of our Army boot, and is thinned off at the waist, making the boot more flexible in marching. The flat of the sole is studded with iron hobnails, and the toe and heel have brass plates. The boot weighs 3lbs., as against the 4lbs. of our soldiers' boots. For the temporary use of men with sore feet the soft native shoe with grass sole, such as is used by the "rickshaw" men and the people generally in Japan, is served out. Knapsack, Haversack, and Valise.—The knapsack is of leather with the hair outside, its shape being maintained by a wooden frame, and this seems to us to be capable of improvement. The khaki-coloured hemp haversack is divided lengthwise to form two compartments, and resembles somewhat the haversack carried by our officers. A useful addition to the slings supporting it from the opposite shoulder is a short strap fixed in the centre of the top of the sack with a hook to fix on the waist-belt, and thus take off some of the weight from the sling. For carrying additional small articles of clothing the soldier has a long sack about 9in in width and 6ft. long, open at each end, and stitched across at its centre, so as to make two bags. It is worn over one shoulder like a bandolier, the ends being tucked under the waist-belt at the opposite side. The water bottle, canteen and mess tin are of aluminium, the first two being blackened outside; the mess tin fits inside the canteen like a tray. The rice ration is carried in the small grass box shown in front of the mess tin. The copper Chinese camp kettle is a very practical contrivance It has double sides; the water poured into the outer jacket is heated by burning charcoal in a small stove in the centre of the vessel, air being admitted by the lateral aperture near the bottom, through which also the ashes can be extracted. With this water can be boiled in a gale, and the Japanese soldier has realized its value in campaigning, and uses it very generally. Food.—Of the various samples of food the rice ration ready boiled, and the buscuit—consisting of wheat and rice flour, with a few grains of millet seed to prevent it from becoming too hard—are specially notable. Vegetables of various kinds—sliced potatoes, carrots, beans, sliced gourd, etc.—are thoroughly dried, thus ensuring preservation and diminished weight. Tea and salt are both in solid cakes or cubes, and various meats and fish are in hermetically-sealed tins Even fodder for the horse is prepared, like the vegetables for the men, by drying Stretchers.—In addition to these articles of outfit and food Miss McCaul has brought over two military stretchers which are worth close and detailed inspection. The poles are bamboo, and the weight of the stretcher complete (12lb) compares favourably with the much heavier stretcher in use in the British Army. The supports or runners are particularly ingenious and simple. When the stretcher is folded they double on to the poles, but when it is opened their weight causes them to fall perpendicularly under the framework of the stretcher, and a loose metal ring then slides down and locks them in position. A metal frame at each end of the body of the stretcher supports a cover at a comfortable height above the patient. Each transverse comes in two in the centre and the cover-frames or supports are hinged in the centre for folding.

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The man in khaki had done himself nobly and fallen asleep in the corner of the railway carriage. Suddenly awaking, he found a bishop sitting opposite, and after inspecting him asked, "Protestant or Catholic?" "Catholic," replied the reverend gentleman. "Parish priest, I suppose?" was the next venture, which procured the information, "I was a parish priest once." A look of brotherly sympathy spread over the martial countenance. "Ah! I see. The old story—drink. I was a sergeant once, and now I'm only a corporal."

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The Oldest Veteran of the Ninety-Third.

At a recent gathering of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders the oldest soldier present was Sergeant Cobb, of Arbroath, whose name is placed high on the the list of honoured veterans of the regiment.

Sergeant Cobb enlisted in the 93rd sixty-five years ago, and had his full share of fighting in the Crimea, taking part in the battles of the Aima, Balaklava and Sebastopol.

The old veteran can relate many thrilling stories of these stirring times, when the 93rd were busy making history.

One incident he is justly proud to recall was the means of bringing him a gold decoration from the Emperor of France. On the night before Balaklava he was acting as picket sergeant, and one of the men on outpost guard rushed in and announced that the enemy were advancing in force. Had that been so it was the duty of the picket to fall back on the main body. Sergeant Cobb, however, knew the excitable nature of the soldier in question, and was barely convinced of the truth of the report. Dreading the disgrace of a false alarm, he approached the officer and received permission to investigate. Cautiously approaching the post vacated by the guard, he applied his ear to the ground, and surveyed his surroundings. There was no sign of an enemy, and after reporting himself to the officer, he stood sentry hour after hour, during the whole night on the outermost line. Next morning the Russians advanced on the British force, and Balriklava was lost and won.

The Sergeant's conduct was reported to Sir Colin Campbell, and thence to the French Emperor, by whom he was awarded one of the highest Orders of the French service. Only three of these decorations in all came to the Regiment.

At Sebastopol, Segeant Cobb saw the last of his fighting. His leg was shattered by a 6-pounder ball while he lay in the trenches, and he was sent home.

At Chatham he was visited by the late Queen Victoria, and like all true soldiers, he has nothing but good to say of her. She enquired as to the extent of his injuries, and presented him with a silk handkerchief, which he cherishes even more than his medals, and is doubly proud of because it was hemmed by the Princess Royal, who afterwards became the mother of the present Emperor of Germany.

At the veteran's parade at Edinburgh Castle last year, King Edward shook hands warmly with the old soldier. He commented on the sergeant's French decoration, and learned the circumstances attached to the winning of it.

On obtaining his discharge Sergeant Cobb found employment at Glamis, Forfarshire, and there he married. Some twenty-five years ago he went to Arbroath, and there he is spending the gloaming of a strenuous life, surrounded by sons and doughters.

Being of a literary turn of mind, Sergeant Cobb on laying down the sword, lifted the pen, and has wielded the most powerful weapon in such a way that his compositions in prose and verse have always been welcomed.

—*From a Scottish Paper.*

Lady Stratheden and Campbell opened a volunteer bazaar at Jedburgh lately, on behalf of the local company of the Border Rifles. Provost Hilson, in introducing her ladyship, said the Volunteers had lately to face fire in the form of very adverse criticism from Lord Esher. If this were to be continued it appeared to him that the Volunteers might as well hang the trumpet on the wall and turn to the study of the 18th Paraphrase instead of new regulations. Look up your Bibles.

Ninety-Third Calendar for February, 1905.

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1 W. Fathegarh for Cawnpore with Hope's Brigade, 1858. Left Durband, Eusofzaie, for Sialkote, 1864. (End of Umbeyla Campaign).
2 Th. Arrived Bareilly from Kushaigarh, encamping on Maidan, 1898, (from Tochi Field Force). Annual Inspection by Major-General Sir W. H. Meiklejohn, Bareilly, 1900.
3 F. Conclusion of Annual Inspection, 1900.
4 S. General William Wemyss of Wemyss *d.* Colonel, 1822. Moved into Barracks at Bareilly in Relief of Wing, Cameronians, 1898.
5 S.
6 M.
7 Tu. Re-embarked New Orleans, preparatory to returning to England, 1815. Arrived Cawnpore with Hope's Brigade, 1858. Arrived Mian Mir from Umballa, 1894.
8 W. Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Hyslop, Bart., G.C.B., Colonel 1822. Inter-Company Cricket Tournament, 1900, Clock won by "B" Coy.
9 Th. Final Football League, 1897-98. Won by "F" Company.
10 F. Robert Dale, Lieut.-Colonel, 1814
11 S.
12 S. Wing arrived Unao, escorting siege train; Indian Mutiny Campaign.
13 M. Wing arrived Unao, escorting siege train, 1858. Annual Inspection by Brigadier General Sir W. H. Meiklejohn, Bareilly, 1899.
14 Tu. Embarked H. M. Indian Transport "*Jumna*," Bombay 1870. Annual Inspection by Brigadier General Ellis, Nowshera, 1896.
15 W. Left Bombay for home, 1870; strength 22 officers, 520 non-commissioned officers and men, 49 women, 33 children. Colonel McBean, V.C., relinquished command, 1878: retired with rank of Honorary Major-General. Annual Inspection Nowshera, 1896.
16 Th. Establishment increased from 750 to 850 rank and file, 1852. William Wallingford Knollys, Lieut.-Colonel, 1878. Draft of 150 N.C.O's. and men left Fort William for active service with the 1st Battalion in South Africa, 1902.
17 F. Outbreak of Cholera at Fort William, six deaths, 1902.
18 S. Inter-Company Physical Drill Competition, 1899; won by "C" Company.
19 S.
20 M. Colonel Robert Spark *d.* Elgin, 1852, after 45 years' service in 93rd; Lorenso Rothe, Lieut. Colonel. Left jungles of Oudh for Sabathu, 1859. (End of Mutiny Campaign). Right Wing left Bareilly for Shajahanpur, 1899. Inspected by H. E. Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief, Poona, 1904.
21 Tu. Head-quarters left Bareilly for Ranikhet, 1901.
22 W.
23 Th.
24 F.
25 S.
26 S. Left Unao for final advance on Lucknow, 1858.
27 M. Embarked at Plymouth on board hired transport "*Himalaya*" for Malta *en route* for Crimea, 1854. Arrived Sialkot from Umbeyla Campaign, 1854.
28 Tu. Rohilkund District Assualt-at-Arms, 1899. Won "Tug-of-War" and "Physical Drill." Tug-of-War Team won open Challenge Shield at Presidency meeting, Calcutta, 1903.

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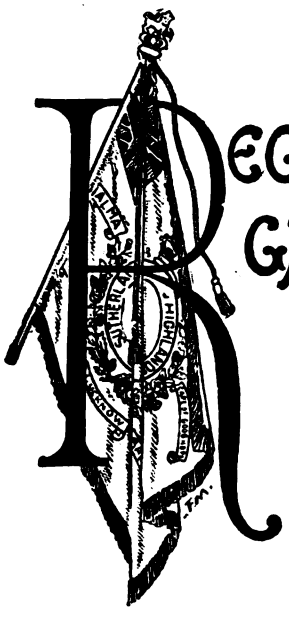

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE," dated 18TH OCTOBER, 1904.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.)

2nd Lieutenant A. E. Kennedy to be Lieutenant, vice Lang absorbed 20th September, 1904.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals:—No. 6480 Lance Corporal J. Campbell, "C" Company, dated 1st December, 1904.

No. 5566 Lance-Corporal H. Wilson, "H" Company, dated 16th December, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Lance-Corporals:—No. 6397 Lance-Corporal J. Wright, "E" Company, and No. 9159 Lance-Corporal J. Buckley, "G" Company, dated 16th December, 1904.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal:—

No. 6428 Pte. R. Carlyle, "C" Coy., d/ 10th Dec., 1904.
,, 7507 ,, R. Kean, "A" ,, d/ 23rd Dec., 1904.
,, 7611 Piper R. S. Gunn, "A" ,, d/ 27th Dec., 1904.
,, 6980 Pte. A. Grant "F" ,, (to attend Signalling School.)

To be Acting Drummer:—Boy James M. Doran, "G Company.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I, at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 7203 Pte. J. Robertson. | No. 6577 Pte. Martin.
No. 7088 Pte. J. McLachlan.

"B" Company.

No. 7171 Pte. J. Vallance. | No. 7192 L.-C. C. Campbell.
No. 7191 Lance-Corporal J. McKenzie.

"C" Company.

No. 7169 Pte. A. McKinnon.	No. 9393 Pte. W. Hill.
,, 7077 ,, J. Gardner.	,, 6385 ,, J. Stevenson.
,, 4972 ,, J. Keir.	,, 4874 ,, P. Gibson.
,, 4906 ,, T. Craig.	,, 6480 L.-C. J. Campbell.
,, 6630 ,, J. Henderson.	,, 7190 Pte. A. Findlay.

No. 7101 Private W. Andrew.

"D" Company.

No. 7687 Pte. A. Grady | No. 7207 Pte. D. McKenzie.
No. 7177 Private W. Reid.

"E" Company.

No. 6794 Private J. Osborne.

"F" Company.

No. 6014 Pte. A. Baxter. | No. 6382 Pte. D. Fraser.

"H" Company.

No. 7174 L.-C. W. McPherson. | No. 6842 Pte. D. McKay.
No. 6724 Private R. McDonald.

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,, 8040 ,, J. Lawrie.	,, 7804 ,, J. Johnston.
,, 7392 ,, G. R. Hay.	,, 7833 ,, R. Edminstone.
,, 7983 ,, W. Duncan.	,, 7522 ,, W. Clark.
,, 8100 ,, J. Clark.	,, 7293 ,, J. Carlin.
,, 8017 ,, T. Blackburn.	,, 7807 Piper A. Taylor.

"F" Company.

No. 8185 Private J. McWilliams.

"G" Company.

No. 7464 Private J. Paul.

"H" Company.

No. 7407 Private W. Fyffe.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted Three Good Conduct Badges:—

No. 4619 Lce.-Cpl. W. McKinnon, "G" Company.
,, 4603 Private D. Brown, "E" ,,

Granted Two Good Conduct Badges:—

"A" Company.

No. 7182 Pte. T. Paterson. | No. 7203 Pte. J. Robertson.

"B" Company.

No. 7191 L.-C. J. McKenzie. No. 7192 L.-C. C. Campbell.

"C" Company.

No. 7202 Private D. Irvine.

"D" Company.

No. 9434 Private J. Allan.

"E" Company.

No. 5110 Pte. J. Greig. | No. 5118 Pte. D. McLean.

"F" Company.

No. 6053 Lce.-Cpl. G. Kay.

"H" Company.

No. 7174 Lance-Corporal W. McPherson.
No. 4734 Private. W. Hawthorne.

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"C" Company.

No. 4874 Private P. Gibson.

"D" Company.

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"E" Company.

No. 6491 Private J. Herbert.

"F" Company.

No. 8185 Private J. McWilliams.

"G" Company.

No. 6124 Private J. Silcock

CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers qualified at the School of Musketry, Deolali, during October, 1904.

No. 5714 Sergeant J. G. Ferrier, "D" Company.
,, 5368 Sergeant J. McQueen, "C" Company.

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Granted a Military Telegraphist's Certificate, dated 14th December, 1904.

No. 7960 Private V. H.G. McKenzie, "B" Company.
,, 7842 Private J. Walker, "D" ,,

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-Engaged to complete 21 years Service.

No. 5601 Qr.-Mr. Sgt. E. A. Daniels, Unattached List.
,, 4712 Private J. Brown, "A" Company.

Extended to complete 12 years with the Colours.

No. 6032 Corporal J. Youngson, "H" Company.
,, 6428 Lance Corporal R. Carlyle, "C" Company.

Extended to complete 8 years with the Colours.

No. 7443 Private J. Rogan "A" Company.

INTER-COMPANY TRANSFERS.

No. 6391 Corporal W. Melville, "E" to "H" Company.

PLACED ON SUPERNUMERARY LIST.

No. 3394 Colour Sergeant J. Durnan, "D" Company.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Boy James Michael Doran, attested on 9th December, is posted to "G" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Embarked for England in H.T. "Assaye" on 15th December, 1904.

To Home Establishment.

No. 4339 Corporal F. Bracey, "F" Company, accompanied by Mrs. Bracey and 2 children.

Time Expired 12 years.

No. 4596 Private C. Ryans, "G" Company.
,, 4902 ,, G. Colledge, "C" ,,
,, 4603 ,, D. Brown, "E" ,,
,, 4630 ,, G. Duncan, "E" ,,
,, 4618 Lce.-Cpl. J. Adams, "E" ,,

INVALIDING BOARD.

The following passed an Invaliding Board at Poona 16th December, 1904.

No. 7756 Pte. H. McKellar.
,, 7616 ,, J. McCluskey.
,, 6174 ,, J. Louden.
No. 7443 Pte. J. Rogan.
,, 6921 ,, J. Brown.
,, 8077 L.-C. D. Finlayson

FURLOUGHS.

No. 5864 Colour Sergeant J. Brash, "G" Company, is granted six months furlough to England from 15th November, 1904.

MUSKETRY.

The following N.C.O.s and men of "E" Company and Casuals of "F" Company have qualified as marksmen.

"E" Company.

No. 6473 Private J. Duncan, Best shot of Company.

No. 3116 Q.-M.-S. W. R. Weller.
,, 5945 Sgt. A. McCrae.
,, 5550 Cpl. F. B. Risdon.
,, 5696 L.-Cpl. C. Harkness.
,, 6391 Cpl. W. Melville.
,, 6430 Pte. T. James.
,, 6160 ,, L. McCarthy.
,, 4757 ,, R. Cullen.
,, 7516 ,, P. Paton.
,, 6810 ,, J. Meek.
,, 4949 ,, J. Chalmers
,, 5876 ,, J. Candlish.
,, 7222 ,, W. Macdonald.
,, 7085 ,, W. Elliott.
,, 6469 ,, J. Kidd.
,, 7445 ,, A. Raeburn.
No. 3306 C.-Sgt. A. Lockie.
,, 7734 Sgt. A. S. Macdonald.
,, 4771 L.-Cpl. J. Oliver.
,, 5551 ,, W. Montgomery.
,, 4635 Pte. G. Clarkson.
,, 6163 ,, J. Matchett.
,, 4984 ,, J. Douglas.
,, 7857 ,, P. McPherson.
,, 6444 ,, J. Young.
,, 6809 ,, J. Morrison.
,, 5858 ,, D. Tosh.
,, 5118 ,, D. McLean.
,, 6537 ,, W. Capie.
,, 4630 ,, G. Duncan.

"F" Company.

No. 2922 Lce.-Sgt. J. Bertram.
No. 5838 Cpl. C. Fraser.

Domestic Occurrences.

MARRIAGES.

Sim—Irvine. At St. Andrew's, Bombay, on 30th December, 1904, by the Rev. J. Cameron, Sergeant John Sim, Ninety-Third Highlanders, to Jeanie, daughter of Mr. James Irvine, Westfield Cottages, Dalkeith.

Glass—Ramage. At the Liberal Club Hall, Hamilton, on the 20th May, 1904, by the Rev. J. C. Chalmers Saffronhall U.F.C., Sergeant Richard Glass, Ninety-Third Highlanders, to Annie, daughter of Mr. James Ramage, 517 Saint Vincent Street, Glasgow.

Alder—Fidler. At Saint Andrew's, Bombay, on the 30th December, 1904, by the Rev. John Cameron, Lance-Sergeant William Alder, Ninety-Third Highlanders, to Nellie Shearer, daughter of the late Mr. Alexander Fidler, Aberdeen.

Baxter—Frew. At Saint Andrews, Bombay, on the 30th December, 1904, by the Rev. John Cameron, Private A. Baxter, "F" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders, to Christina, daughter of Mr. Alexander Frew, Springburn, Glasgow.

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PLATE OF THE SERGEANTS' MESS 93rd HIGHLANDERS.

1. Loving Cup presented by T. H. M. Green, Esq., late 93rd, on promotion to a commission. 2. Cup presented by late Major Brand. 3. Parvion Trophy won by Sergeants, left Half Battalion at Chaubattia, 1904. 4. Candle stick—donor unknown. 5. Centre-piece presented by Lieut. Colonel Wolrige Gordon when Captain and Adjutant. 6. Candle stick—donor unknown. 7. Shooting Cup presented by Mr. Waterfield. 8. Cigar Lighter presented by late Colonel Nightingale. 9. Loving Cup presented by Lieut. Colonel J. H. Napier on retirement. 10. Bronze figure won by Sergeants Shooting Team, Portsmouth Rifle Meeting 1885. 11. Clock presented by Colonel Nightingale when Major. 12. Shield presented by Officers to Sergeants to commemorate victory of Regiment in Army Inter-Regimental Rifle Match of 1888. 12a. Fruit bowl presented by W. G. Stonor, Esq., late 93rd on promotion to a commission. 13. Shooting Cup presented by old Sergeants. 14. Ram's horns and snuff Mull presented by Lieut. Colonel Gordon-Alexander, Balaklava Day 1882. 15. Communion Cup—Date 1813—Used in Church of 93rd Highlanders. 16. Clock, Simmonds Prize won by 93rd Sergeants Shooting Team—Browndown Rifle Meeting, Portsmouth 1885. 17. Communion Plate—Date 1813—Used in Church of 93rd Highlanders. 18. Ram's head and snuff box presented by the late Surgeon General Monro. 19. Clock presented by Ronald Stewart, late 93rd, on promotion to a commission. 20. Challenge Rifle Cup presented by Colonel P. D. Trotter, 1889. 21. Whiskey Barrel and pail presented by A. C. Nightingale, 1874. 21a. Quaigh won by J. Paton at Military Tournament, West Drayton, 1882, and presented to Sergeants Mess. 22. Bronze figure won by Sergeants Shooting Team at Browndown, Portsmouth, 1885. 23. Salad bowl presented by Lieut. Colonel Nightingale on relinquishing Command of the Regiment 1887. 24. Cigar box presented by the late Captain Losack, 1901. 25. Ram's horn snuff box presented by Brevet Lieut. Colonel Macbean, V.C. 26. Gilchrist Cup presented by Mr. Oliver Gilchrist, Buchanan St., Glasgow, for Annual competition in Shooting by the Sergeants. 27. Palm-tree centre presented by Major General W. Macbean, V.C., when Colonel Commanding the Regiment 1876. 28. Murray Football Cup won by Regimental Football Team at Lucknow 1892—93. 29. Ram's horn snuff box won at Royal Gymnasium Edinburgh, 1871. 30. Salad bowl presented by Colonel J. H. Campbell when Captain. 31. Cigar box presented by Colonel J. H. Campbell on relinquishing Command of the Regiment in 1903.

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New Year's day falling on a Sunday may account for the brief period in which the usual Ne'erday festivities took place. On the second day of the year, the Battalion formed part of the Annual Proclamation parade, and as usual, the different company dinners were held thereafter. In the absence of Colonel Paterson, Major Cavendish, our Second-in-Command, visited the various Bungalows during the progress of the convivial meal, and in all the rooms the season's greetings were exchanged in a most cordial manner. The troops very quickly settled down to their usual routine, and on the fifth day a perfectly clean sheet was recorded.

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The draft, numbering 120 Non-commissioned officers and men, under Captain W. J. B. Tweedie, arrived a day later than was expected. They were met at the station and played into Barracks by the Drums and Pipes, and, so soon as they were told off to their respective companies, repaired to the rooms of the Royal Army Temperance Association. Here they found a substantial breakfast awaiting them, and, needless to say, it was amply done justice to, and much appreciated. On the whole they appear a likely looking body of men, and it is a matter of regret that there are so many three years' men in their ranks.

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Captain Tweedie on his arrival took over command and pay of "B" Company from Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean, who returns to "F" Company.

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The Band, Signallers, and a party of Casuals having now completed their Annual Musketry Course, the Battalion, with the exception of a few stragglers, may now be said to have completed Table B for the year 1904-05. In the last party exercised there are 23 marksmen, 43 First class shots, 21 Second class shots, and 2 Third class shots. The Band Star goes to Bandsman Quinn, with a score of 253 points in Part I, 84 points in Part II; Miscellaneous Practice 34, his total being 371. The figure of merit of the party exercised is 199·3 in Part I, and 56.2 in Part II, the total number exercised being 99.

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"E" Company, under Lieutenant L. G. Fenzi, proceeded on 19th instant to Ganeshkhind to carry out their Field Practices. It was at first

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expected that the company would go to Karakwasla, but the same place as last year was ultimately found to be their destination.

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On another page we give an account of the Divisional Field Firing Manœuvres in which the Battalion took part during the month, and during which our acquaintance with "One Tree Hill," formed during the "Test" operations, was renewed.

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During the month the Sergeants' Mess has lost two of its members in the persons of Colour-Sergeant D. Ritchie and Sergeant E. G. Harvey. The former has been appointed to the Bombay-Nagpur Railway Volunteers as a first class Sergeant Instructor, and the latter has proceeded home to England on six months' leave.

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An "Alarm Gun Battery" has now been installed at Wanowrie, three howitzers having been placed in position in front of the Guard room. This may expedite the giving of the alarm, but it will no longer be possible, as on the occasion of the last alarm, to be on parade by the time the third gun has sounded.

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At the Social meeting of the R.A.T.A. held during the month, Colonel Paterson, in the course of his remarks, informed us that the proposal to grant British Soldiers leave to England and to send them home from this country at reduced rates is still under consideration. Should the scheme ultimately receive the sanction of the Secretary of State, some time must necessarily elapse before definite orders can be issued.

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The Regimental Games, having been postponed on account of Manœuvres, etc., are now provisionally fixed for a date in March. The proposed programme, extending over two days, has been issued, and the open events should be the means of drawing competitors from other parts of this command.

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The Regimental Shooting Club has had a blank month, the entrants for the Central Meeting of the Bombay Presidency Rifle Association taking possession of the Range whenever vacant. Forty-two competitors have entered from the Battalion, and it is no little encouragement for them that the Club has agreed to bear the expense of half their entrance fees.

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When Captain J. Campbell, our late Adjutant, visited Bannu recently, he found that the grave of No. 5105 Private Neil Edgar, "B" Company, who died at Latummar, was not marked with a cross, as are all the graves of other men of the Ninety-Third who died during the Tochi Campaign. The Commanding Officer has now ordered the erection of a cross over this grave, and also a railing to be placed round it.

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In order that the Battalion may be represented at the Bengal Presidency Amateur Athletic Association Sports, Lance Corporal R. Kean, Piper Wright and Privates Rarity and Gray have journeyed to Calcutta to take part in the games. From their recent performances on the road and on the track we have every faith in their worthily maintaining the sporting reputation of the old Corps.

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An old friend and contributor, Mr. W. Forbes Mitchell, writing from Calcutta, tells us, "I have just finished my new book, and got twenty chapters typed for offer to the London Publisher. I have named the book 'A Link of the Thin Red Line: or, Fact Stranger than Fiction,' and all who have seen any of it, assure me that it will go down to posterity in the Army.

"A Yankee traveller for a New York publisher told me that if I would entrust the manuscript to him, he would get twenty-five thousand dollars for it, but I thought that rather tall, and stipulated for half the dollars before parting with the manuscript."

We trust our old comrade's labours to perpetuate the memory of the Regiment may meet with well deserved success.

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We much regret our inability to chronicle success on the part of the competitors who fired in the Local meeting of the B.P.R.A., the only prize coming to the Battalion, having been won by Colour-Sergeant A. Lockie with his score of ten points in the Magazine Independent Match. Various causes may be assigned for this non-success, and not the least of these, is the "fluky" wind shooters have to contend with. The gusts frequently blowing across the range never seem to go twice in the same direction, and a common occurrence was to find the streamers at five hundred yards and two hundred yards pointing exactly opposite from each other.

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With the beginning of the month, a party consisting of 22 N.C.Os. and men under Lieutenant R. R. Forbes commenced a course of Mounted Infantry Training at the Wanowrie School, and from what we hear, hard work seems to be the order of the day.

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Our photo supplement this month is a reproduction of a photograph taken by Mr. Metzker of the silver belonging to the Sergeants' Mess. The Gilchrist Cup has been twice won by Colour-

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Sergeant G. Arnott, at present serving. Any information from old members regarding the presentation of the two large and handsome candlesticks shown in photograph will be highly acceptable to President and members of Sergeants' Mess, as no record of the donor or donors can be found.

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The near approach to a commencement being made with the Company Football League matches has encouraged several of the teams to indulge in practice games. A number of players have been tried, and some of the draft have had opportunities of showing their paces. We hope to witness a few rousing games once the competition has had a proper start.

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We tender our congratulations to Captain J. B. Gillatt, "C" Company, on his merited, though delayed, promotion. From a contemporary announcement we observe he is due to rejoin the Ninety-first on promotion.

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It is with deep regret that we have this month to chronicle the death of Sergeant A. Keeble, which occurred at Calcutta on 3rd January from pneumonia, after an illness of only three days duration. The deceased had only shortly since returned from Thibet where he had been employed as Head clerk to the P.M.O., and was in excellent health on the return of the Expedition. He took part in a cricket match a few days before his death and it is conjectured that he then caught a severe chill which has ended so fatally. To his relatives we offer our heartfelt sympathy on the loss they have sustained. There are many old comrades who mourn with them the death of Arthur Keeble. Vale.

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At the moment of going to press we deeply regret to hear that Colonel Alfred Harold Middleton of Bardowie Castle, Milngavie, died there on 2nd February, after a fortnight's illness, at the age of 47. From 1875-1888 he served in the 93rd and afterwards joined the 3rd Battalion. In 1902 he served with his Battalion, then under command of Duke of Montrose, in South Africa, and when the Duke retired two years ago he was appointed to the command.

Divisional Field Firing and Manœuvres.

The Troops of the VIth (Poona) Division took part in a scheme of field firing from the 25th to 28th January, of which some accout is called for in the columns of the "The Thin Yin," seeing that the Battalion formed one of the units engaged. Other units were our Ghorpuri friends, the East Lancashire Regiment, and five batteries of Field Artillery, who included the scheme in the programme for their Practice Camp; while of Native Troops the 94th (Russell's) Infantry, the 107th and 121st Pioneers, a company 3rd Sappers and Miners, and, last though not least, the 33rd (Q.O.) Light Cavalry, were all present.

Early on the morning of Wednesday the 25th the Battalion paraded at full strength, and after a march of six miles joined the remainder of the Infantry Brigade at Bopori where the road crosses the Mulu River by a very fine bridge. Unfortunately we were relegated to the rear of the brigade where we were made painfully aware of the slow pace at which the Native Regiments march as compared to our accustomed rate. The road too was extremely dusty, so we were glad that five miles more were sufficient to find us leaving the main road by a track which led into the spot selected for the bivouac of the Brigade, which proved to be on the banks of the Pauna River, half a mile below the village of Chinchwad. As peace conditions had up till now been the order we were glad to find that our baggage had already arrived, and dinners were quickly ready and as quickly demolished. What tended still more to set us at ease was the order which was given out at once for the East Lancashire Regiment to find the outposts. With the exception of "A" Company, who marched out about 3 p.m. in fighting trim, the rest of us were able to settle down and discuss the situation.

The scheme at this time was that an "enemy, strength unknown" was entrenched in a position on the heights above Maranji, (almost the same hills on which our tin and wooden enemy of the "Test" scheme selected to fight us), and the Poona Division Troops "decided to attack the enemy in this position." So far so good. The position indicated was about five miles West of our bivouac, and the intermediate country was about as flat and open as a table.

On this day the 33rd Cavalry had been detailed as cavalry outposts covering the enemy's position, and it was decided that officers' patrols should attempt to break through and reconnoitre their trenches. Several officers from the force rode out in the afternoon, supported by pickets of infantry, and each regiment was given a section of the country to itself. Lieuts. J. Kennedy, Cheape,

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and Falconer-Stuart were the only three who succeeded, supported by "A" Company. None of the officers of the other Regiments reported any success, while Captain Glasfurd fell into the hands of a cavalry patrol who boldly rode into the whole company of infantry and invited him to consider himself their prisoner! However, the other three officers fared better, and donning their syces' lungis they galloped through the cavalry screen, successfully reconnoitred the position of the targets, and galloped back. The sowars whom they met were too much astonished to give chase, and the reconnaissance was entirely successful.

During the night the Lancashires remained on outposts, and at intervals we could hear firing, which proved that the cavalry were not asleep. At 10 a.m. the cavalry outposts were withdrawn and throughout the day the artillery could be heard shelling the position some miles away to our left. As soon as it was dark we fell in for an advance, and four miles of marching, during the whole of which the cavalry kept up a running fire on our advanced and flank guards, brought us to within 2000 yards or so of the targets. Here intrenching tools were served out and soon after 11 p.m we were hard at it digging ourselves in. Covering parties which were thrown out were constantly engaged by the cavalry, who indeed easily beat the record held by the cat with nine lives, so persistent were they, after having been wiped in one place, in re-appearing none the worse for it in another. It was disheartening work chipping away at an almost bed-rock surface in an endeavour to dig a trench, however we stuck to it till dawn, and by that time found that we had just got enough cover from view. About dawn we managed to get half an hour's troubled sleep, and we were then issued with ball ammunition and food and water for the day. An apology for a bombardment then took place, which lasted by skilful management till noon, by which time we had expended some ten rounds per rifle. After that time it is impossible to say what happened, as it appeared that we had finished for the day, and for the next two hours we lay and positively grilled in the sun. The artillery came into action about 1000 yards to our left and continued pouring in a hail of shells. We heard afterwards that we were kept in the trenches for those two hours to watch the effect of the artillery fire, but as the targets were round the corner out of sight this hardly satisfied us.

However, shortly after 2 p.m. we were informed that truce had been called, and our baggage was allowed up to the trenches till 6 p.m., so we were able to make some shelters from the sun, and to get a little rest. At 6 p.m. we again manned the trenches, and remained in them all night, while "the Lancs." and one of the native corps advanced through our line and dug themselves in within about 600 yards of the position. At 10 a.m. we got the order to advance to reinforce them, and after much running and a great deal of firing the position was eventually carried at the point of the bayonet, supported by the brigade of artillery firing blank, and after we had pursued and found some pursuit targets further on, where the cavalry joined in, the battle was over, the victory won.

There remained a march of some fifteen miles home to barracks, which were reached about 4 p.m.

EFFICIENCY.

Th' voice o' the Lord cam' loud and fast,
An' like a shock thro' India passed,
I hae ordained, my cup I'll give,
To those who through a test shall live,
Tae prove efficiency.

Frae North tae South, frae East tae West,
The cry went up, "We are the best,"
We'll march by day, or 'een by night,
Ten thousand legions we will fight,
Tae prove efficiency.

Sae fifteen miles we quickly hurried,
Wi' n'er a man the least bit flurried,
And drank a thoosand ginger "pop,"
Tae cool us on our weary walk,
Tae prove efficiency.

A hundred bullets each man carried,
Which made them wish that they had "gharried,"
Or that the test and cup as well
Were buried in the depths o' –
Tae prove efficiency.

The scheme oor gallant chief did take,
Was in the morn, th' attack he'd make,
Sae in the hill we poored oor fire,
And never did oor muscles tire,
Tae prove efficiency.

Wi' readin' maps and compass bearin',
And marches dark the natives scarin,'
Wi' rinnin' here and trampin' there,
On roads sae hard, oor feet wir sair'
Tae prove efficiency.

But ilka ploy, maun aye be ended,
An' sine the homeward road we tended,
Wi' thirsty mooths and weary shanks,
Richt gled we'd ended sic like pranks,
Tae prove efficiency.

At a sale of potatoes, which took place in the neighbourhood of Selkirk, Willie Tamson, souter and fiddler, bought a small quantity. The potatoes having to be paid before being removed from the ground, the neighbours were all anxious to know how Willie would raise the "bawbees," as he was generally on the rocks. A week or two after the sale Willie arrived at the farmer with a graip over his shoulder, and the fiddle in his oxter. "Guid mornin,' Maister Smith," as the farmer made his appearances "I'm com't alang to houk my pickle taaties; but, man, I havn' gotten the wherewitha'. I was jist thinkin' that maybe ye w'd tak' fiddling for them." Willie got his potatoes, and a good dram to the bargain.

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The Russo-Japanese War.

JANUARY 1905.

The past year had been not ungenerous to the Japanese in the way of victories, but the new year marked its opening day by a noble gift to them. On New Year's eve the Japanese captured the Sungshushan fort by blowing up the parapet, burying 150 Russians in the débris, and on Jan. 1st they also carried the Panlungshan forts east of Port Arthur. Abandoning further resistance, General Stoessel, the same evening, sent to General Nogi a letter proposing to surrender. The terms of capitulation were arranged on 2nd, after the Russians had blown up the South Chi Kuanshan forts as well as the ships in the harbour, and on 3rd the Japanese entered the town. Thus, after lasting six months, ended the sanguinary siege of Port Arthur. The total number of prisoners was 48,000, of whom 10,000, were civilians, 16,000 sick and wounded, whilst 876 officers and 23,491 men surrendered: the booty comprised 59 permanent forts, 590 guns of various calibres, 82,000 shells, 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition, 30,000 rifles, 2,000 horses, 4 battleships, 2 cruisers, 14 gunboats and destroyers, and 15 steamers. General Stoessel and 344 officers gave their parole not to fight again, and are now on their way to Russia, whilst the rest of the prisoners were sent to Japan. The true story of the surrender has not yet reached us, but the conviction is rapidly growing that it was not food, ammunition or able bodied men that the place lacked, but stout hearts amongst the high officers. The German Emperor, with his usual impulsiveness, hastened to show his approval by bestowing the Prussian Order of Merit on both Generals Nogi and Stoessel, but with regard to the latter General His Imperial Majesty is now probably uneasily wondering whether he has not again burned his Imperial fingers.

Four Russian destroyers reached Chifu, and two others with a transport carrying 800 soldiers, Tsingtau in safety on the 2nd. The harrowing tales of the distressed condition of the garrison of Port Arthur told by the officers of these refugee ships thrilled the whole world until the truth began gradually to leak out. So moved were the British authorities that the cruiser Andromeda was hastily despatched from Weihaiwei on 4th with 80 tons of medical supplies, 350 beds, and 100,000 lbs. of provisions, but on arrival she was not permitted to land them, there being strict orders against any foreign ship being allowed to approach the harbour. There was some mistake, as the required permission had been received from the Japanese Government who apparently did not warn their Naval people in time. It was a risky voyage too, for by the 11th the Japanese vessels had destroyed 395 mines within a radius of 40 miles of Port Arthur.

For the second time Japan has obtained possession of the place, and her having done so will, so soon as the war terminates, raise the interesting question of our retention of Weihaiwei which we lease from China so long as Russia holds Port Arthur. If finally Japan triumphs and retains the fortress, at first sight it would seem hardly worth our while to keep Weihaiwei, and better for us to let Japan take it over and possibly settle with Germany as to its future ownership. But alliances do not last for ever, and we might some day find it awkward to have both shores of the Gulf of Pechili in Japanese hards, and thus holding the gate of China.

The Russian Cavalry under General Mistchenko made a raid early in the month on the enemy's rear. Passing South east from Mukden between the Lias and Hun rivers, they succeeded in cutting the railway South of Haichêng on 11th, but 4 squadrons on the same day were defeated by the Japanese cavalry at Tangmasa, 30 miles S.W. of Liaoyang, whilst on 12th, 2,000 attacked Ninchaung town and forced the garrison to retire, but the Japanese being reinforced by rail from Tashihchiao, the Russians were driven off and pursued. An attack was also made on the supply depot at Ninchaitun between Ninchaung and Yingko by 8 squadrons, 3 battalions and 12 guns, but failing to capture the place, they were forced to retire, and owing to the activity of the Japanese pursuit they only got away by retreating through neutral Chinese territory West of the Liao river. The raid as reported by the Japanese appears to have been a dismal failure with about 400 casualties, but the Russian version gives great damage and destruction to the enemy's supplies and transport.

With her customary bluff Russia on 12th delivered a Note to the Powers calling attention to China's breaches of neutrality! This Note, at the very moment when she herself was violating Chinese territory by making the cavalry raid, appears to have provoked some laughter, and to have been regarded merely as a cloak to her further designs of making use of Chinese territory. Considering her use of Chifu as a signal station, of Mongolia for bringing up ammunition and supplies, and the lately reported preparation of the cruiser Askold at Shanghai for escape to sea, to say nothing about her occupation for war purposes of Manchuria outside the area of her leased territory, Russia's Note seems a piece of delicious impudence!

Some artillery bickering took place on January 15th on both sides of the railway South of the Sha river, and serious fighting recommenced on the 25th, when the Russians with seven Divisions of Infantry and one of Cavalry attacked the Japan-

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ese left on the Hun river thirty miles South West of Mukden. They drove in the Japanese outposts, but after hard fighting on 26th, 27th and 28th they were forced back on 29th, losing in addition some important field works on the right bank of the river. A general artillery action followed on 30th and 31st but the Japanese were not shaken. The Russians lost heavily, nearly 20,000 casualties, and the Japanese about 7,000

It is said the Russian officers in Manchuria complain bitterly of the inaccuracy of the maps supplied to them. In the light of the Boer war this complaint seems to us unreasonable The Russians have only held Manchuria for seven years, after fifty years exploration of it by numerous agents, whereas the British Government, after having occupied Cape Colony for ninety, Natal for sixty, and the Transvaal for three years, and having had many agents travelling in the Orange Free State, and Transvaal for fifty years, could not produce a reliable map of any of the four territories, and cannot do so even now after three years of war and two and half of peace!

The situation in Korea has remained unchanged except that the Japanese have occupied Quelpart, a large island fifty miles South of Korea, and are fortifying it, doubtless as a naval post on their line of communication and also because it is in the middle of the Western entrance to the Tsushima Straits. Progress has been made with railways in Korea by the Japanese; the rail from Fusau in the South East to Seoul the capital is about to be opened, and thence it connects with the sea by a short line to Chemulpho; the Northern extension to the Yalu river is completed as far as Ping Yang, whilst its continuation North of that river from Autung to Liaoyang brings it, though as yet only a military line, on to the Siberian system. A line from Seoul to Yeusan on the East coast of Korea has been begun and is expected to be finished this year.

The Japanese are now turning more of their attention to vessels running the bockade of Vladivostok, and have lately captured the British steamers, Oakley, Roseley, Bawtry, and Lethington.

An announcement (originally made in Japan on December 2nd) appeared at the same time as the news of the surrender of Port Arthur, to the effect that the Japanese battleship Yashima had been sunk by a mine last June. This was asserted at the time but denied by the Japanese Government, and has now again been contradicted. Japan would then have only four battleships left with which to meet the Baltic fleet.

They are busy preparing for the Baltic Fleet, building new cruisers in their own dockyards, and hope eventually to raise and repair some of the warships sunk in Port Arthur. Two Japanese cruisers were at Labuan, North Borneo, on January 4th, four other warships were seen South of Penang on 19th, and it has been stated that Diego Garcia in the British Chagos Islands, 2,000 miles South of Bombay, is to be their rendezvous.

On January 1st, Admiral Roshdostvensky's squadron arrived at Saint Marie in Madagascar and on 2nd Admiral Foelkersham's also reached that island. Here they learned that Japanese warships were on the look out for them and it is not surprising to hear they "redoubled their vigilance" and probably also their consumption of alcohol! Woe betide the unfortunate shark or whale which dares approach one of their vessels! It cannot fail to be taken for a torpedo boat or a submarine, and suffer the same fate as our fishing boats! The 3rd detachment of the Baltic Fleet arrived at Djibutil on 19th, and the whole fleet is expected to rendezvous at Diego Suarez, a safe and commodious French harbour at the North end of Madagascar. Rumours of its recall to Europe, or at any rate its retention in the Indian Ocean for three months, are rife. Meanwhile the Tzar has sanctioned the expenditure of 160 millions sterling, to be spread over ten years, in improving the Russian Navy. For this sum sixteen battleships, eighteen cruisers, and 150 destroyers and torpedo boats, besides minelayers and floating workshops, are to be provided.

Promoted by a Socialistic priest, Father Gapon, and other reformers, great strikes amongst iron-workers and other trades commenced in Saint Petersburg on 17th and the strikers demanded, besides an eight hours day, political reforms and the cessation of the war. During the salute in the ceremony of blessing the waters of the Neva, a shrapnel shell was fired by one of the Guard batteries, and the bullets hit the Winter Palace doing some damage and narrowly missing the Empress. Whether this was accident or design has not yet been revealed. On Sunday, June 22nd, there was much rioting in Saint Petersburg, and the troops fired freely on the mobs; official reports give 128 killed and 301 wounded. There was more disorder on 24th, but resistance to the vigorous not to say brutal action of the troops was now dying out, and although M. Trepoff, the newly appointed Governour of Saint Petersburg, issued a proclamation on 26th promising reforms he was able to make many arrests of Liberals of all classes, who we may be sure are are by now well on their way to Siberia. Meanwhile the strike had spread in the provinces, the dockyard at Sevastopol was set on fire, and on the 2nd fighting occurred in Moscow and Libau; in both these towns the Prefect of Police put up notices warning the workmen to cease from disturbance and telling them they were being led astray by Anglo-Japanese agents. This produced an ener-

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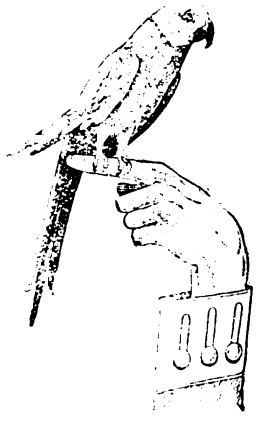
getic protest from our Ambassador, Sir C. Hardinge, and the posters were ordered to be taken down. In Warsaw on 28th another great strike occurred, and next day 500 were killed and wounded in charges by cavalry, who assaulted the British Consul-General and seriously wounded the Vice-Consul. Count Lamsdorff, the Foreign Minister, on 31st promised a searching inquiry into this, owing to Sir C. Hardinge's protests. The Tzar has promised to receive a deputation of workmen on February 1st, and there is no doubt the Russian authorities are thoroughly alarmed by the combination and organization shewn in the promotion of these strikes. As no real reform can be expected, perhaps next time an insurrection takes place it will be still better organized and be successful.

What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it].

THAT he wis luiking for the "maggie" spottin' dise.

That he saw him by looking through the Key hole o' the window.

That he lost the pagri o' his sporran.

That he had dooble collars pit on the cuffs o' her shirts.

That the last pair o' tartan trews he got wis a kilt.

That he could pit his haund in yae pocket and his heid in the ither.

That he was for medical inspection prior to "disembarkation to England."

That a certain Orderly Sergeant reported a man o' his company three years absent the ither morning.

That ye widna ken the difference atween a European and a draftie.

That the biscuits in Poona are no like the breid in Aldershot.

That he polished his shoes wi' his bedchum's blacking tin.

That the bungalows are being whitewashed blue.

That the Parrot wants to know who the Poona N.C.O. is who is desirous of corresponding with a European young lady; aged about twenty, with a view of Holy Matrimony.

That he shaved himself with a cake of white heel-ball.

That it wis eleven miles as the crow flies but only five the way he wis going.

That it hears that several patent sights with sliding wind gauges will shortly be thrown on the market.

That they are guaranteed to stand plenty of abuse, having been well tested.

That the "Invaders" will probably be more dangerous opponents when they have gone through another musketry course.

That there is a wheen o' 3rd class shots among them.

Sergeants' Mess News.

Picnic at Karakwasla.

A most enjoyable outing took place on the 19th January, when all the members (except those of "E" Company who were obliged at the call of duty to journey in the opposite direction), accompanied by the mem-sahibs and some of the younger generation, picniced at Karakwasla, or Lake Fife as it is called in the Ordnance Map. The day, as was to be expected at this time of the year, was a splendid one, and the drive out, a matter of ten or eleven miles, was greatly enjoyed by all. It should be mentioned that all the married families in the regiment had been invited, hence a large turn-out was obtained. Arrived at the Dak Bungalow, which is situated close to the Lake, the time was spent in examining the Bund and flood gate arrangements until Luncheon was ready. After the necessary amount of refreshments had been partaken of, the remainder of the afternoon was spent in rowing or sailing on the lake, one sail and two rowing boats being at the the disposal of the party. What surprised one most of all was the vast number of "old tars" we had amongst us. Most of the members could manage to work the sails, but Sergeant Archie Macdonald was unanimously acknowledged as the Lord High Admiral of the Fleet, and dubbed *ek dum* "Skipper." His exploits on the lake bordered at times on the miraculous, if we are to believe the reports of eyewitnesses. According to one account he went off on a cruise by himself and swept the lake like the Dutch Admiral Van Tromp, with a khaki jacket at the mast head instead of a broom (one report says he was inside the khaki jacket, but that is surely "stretching" it). If ever the British Navy finds itself undermanned there should be no difficulty in finding a ship's crew from amongst the members of the Ninety-Third Highlanders.

The younger fry were catered for by the erection of swings and seemed to amuse themselves immensely. Badminton was also indulged in by those who were afraid of sea-sickness, and skipping ropes and other forms of amusement were patronised. A concert was held during the latter part of the afternoon, and the whole company was photographed by Mr. Metzker, the amiable and well known photographer of Poona. Sergeant-Major Ditcham and several other members had their cameras with them, and amused themselves during the day by taking snap shots of the party. The Sergeant-Major's snap shots, which, by the way, are the only ones we have yet seen, are really excellent, and we congratulate him on his proficiency in the art. Several members, more energetic than the rest, took advantage of the

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near proxity of Sivaji's famous old fort of Singarh to climb the hill and explore, but so far we have not been favoured with a report. To Colour-Sergeant Ewan and his able Committee we owe a hearty vote of thanks for the splendid success of the outing. No one could have worked harder than "Jock" did, and we but voice popular opinion in thus publicly voicing the deep debt of gratitude to him for his labour. To Colour-Sergeant Clarke our thanks are also due for the able manner in which he promoted the fun and entertainment of the party A most enjoyable day was spent, and everyone is looking forward to the next picnic.

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SHOOTING MATCH.

Sergeants, Ninety-Third v. Sergeants, East Lancs.

A challenge having been accepted from the East Lancashire Mess for a shooting match to be held on Saturday, 21st instant, that day found the representative teams, and all members of both messes off duty, on the range at an early hour. The Sergeants of the East Lancashires showed their hospitality by providing breakfast on the range for all, and it was a poor return for their kindness and good nature we made in outclassing them on the range. However, like good sportsmen they did not seem to mind that, and have promised to wipe off the score next time we meet. As none of the Staff were present a statement of the scores made cannot be given. A record seems to have been kept, but as it was sent to a local paper for insertion, all traces of its identity were speedily lost. The fearful names given to the teams made it impossibe for any member to swear definitely which monstrosity was intended to represent his particular patronymic.

Field Practices at Ganeshkhind.

"E" Company marched out to Ganeshkhind to perform the Annual Field Practices on the 19th January.

Other companies had raved of the beauteous Karakwasla, and the fishing to be had there, but we had to be content with the nearer Ganeshkhind. To enable the outing to be taken in a lighter vein, the day of departure was fixed for a Thursday, sometimes called, (at home) a holiday in India.

Anyway we got there, and in spite of the rock-bound surface, pitched our tents and settled down to pass the remainder of the day, some trooping off to the river for a dip.

Next morning we opened fire, the forenoon being devoted to skirmishing practice, advancing by squads from a thousand yards distance towards the targets. The scheme here was that every man had a target for himself and judged his own distance, and the shooting, notwithstanding this latter consideration, was good.

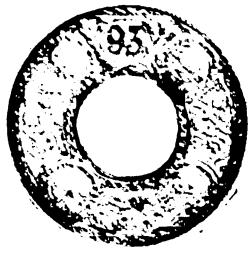
On Saturday an outpost affair was practised. A picquet, after holding their position, retiring on their supports, the reinforcement by the reserve being covered by their combined fire. Then the retirement was continued, mutual support by the various units being practised.

Sunday was devoted to doing nothing, unless we except a dog and stick parade which was held in the evening.

On Monday, long range shooting was indulged in, the attack commencing from about 2100 yards, distance being judged by volleys and the other methods, peculiar to the army; the advance by sections up the range being carried out in the usual manner.

Tuesday was devoted to practising concentration of fire, disappearing targets being brought into use, casualties amongst leaders and devolution of command being practised. Ammunition supply was also made a point of; and finally, the most interesting practice of all, that of bringing down a mud wall which had been built the previous day. Picked shots and marksmen were entrusted with this, and from 200 yards away the wall was quickly demolished. This concluded our course, and in the afternoon we struck our camp and bivouaced for the night, in order that we might join the Battalion the following day to take part in the Divisional Field Firing.

Rather an amusing incident occurred, which is worthy of record. On the night of Sunday (our *fourth* in camp), an urgent telegram was received from the officials of the Irrigation Department to the effect that the water from our supply was unfiltered and undrinkable. However, as we had been boiling all drinking water since our arrival we decided to continue the motion and chance any ill effect.



OVERHEARD IN THE LIBRARY.
Draftie—"Gie us a stamp!"
Marker—"Is your letter for Blighty?
Draftie—"Na, its for Glescae."

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In Barracks.

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Pass-word for the month—"Get dressed."

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BEAUTIFUL BUNS.

Beautiful buns in the T. A. bright
May be had there night by night
See them hardened by the sun
Buns of the T. A., beautiful buns.

CHORUS—Beau-ootiful Bu-uns
Beau-ootiful Bu-uns
Bu-uns of the T.T.A.A.
Beautifful, beauti-FUL BUNS!

Inspect them closely and you'll say
Where are the currants, - away, away
Likewise the butter, it has made
Its escape to better worlds, 'tis said.

Shine on, oh buns of fancy fine,
The lord knows how on thee I'll dine;
For perils such as you doth give
Cancel a man s just right to live.

During the manœuvres the above parody on an old favourite of childhood's days found its way into my hands along with a specimen of the architectural design which the *poet* goes into rapture over. It was while we were lying in the trenches, and before the welcome news was given out that service conditions would be relaxed for a few hours to allow the cooks and maconochie rations putting in an appearance. The specimen was full grown and rather elderly but as I am not a curio collector I passed it into the next trench, for further inspection and report. I forgot by the way that several of the men in the next trench had lately been supplied with a new set of molars by a generous government, and so I suppose the specimen got lost.

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There is a wealth of humour in the fact that first fatigue found for the defaulters after the New Year festivities were over, was the task of straightening out the roads about barracks. The roads must have been enjoying Ne'er-day too.

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The following is an inventory of articles found on the range by the musketry Sergeant after practice one morning lately:—one rifle rest, one Bazaar ink-pot, one pair of bicycle clips, two pens, one pencil, one pair goggles, and a bottle of Guy's Tonic.

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It is no doubt expected that this column shall contain a few references to the manœuvres, but the writer has still too much dust about his brain to remember anything clearly. Coming through the villages at the foot of the hill near Ganeshkhind is still a sort of nightmare. Dust, Dust, everywhere, in one's eyes, mouth, nostrils, in fact we carried sufficient dust with us into Poona to relay all the roads in barracks. There must have been a considerable amount of water used to judge from the clothes, seen hanging on palings, out of windows, etc., the day after the return of the battalion, reminding one of what the immortal bard of Avon has said—"lives of soldier men remind us what we all at times have been, and when bathing leave behind us, clothes that are not always clean."

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However, a few more prophecies on Army Reform :—

First.—The new walking-out cap will be tied under the chin with a bow of blue silk ribbon.

Second.—The new walking-out cap will not be tied under the chin with a bow of blue silk ribbon—A red silk ribbon has now been decided upon

Third.—An extra button for Infantry and two for Cavalry and Artillery has been sanctioned for wear on the new Service Greatcoat. The exact position has not yet been decided upon.

Fourth.—The authorities having just discovered that Highland Regiments require safety pins to hold up the kilt, a free issue of two pins per man has been sanctioned. A Board of Ordnance officials will assemble at an early date to select the pattern.

Fifth.—A revised edition of "Soldierin' made Easy" having been approved of, all men not in possession of permanent passes or good conduct badges are requested to at once provide themselves with a copy. This book will be shown at the weekly kit inspection.

Sixth—In future men will not be eligible to convert their line service into Reserve service unless they fulfil the following conditions:—

I Have had their photo taken at least three times in uniform.

II Have learned to drink milk instead of Beer.

III Are in possession of at least two tins of wawkphar.

Peace Leagues and societies for the prevention of war may be able to use an argument which was advanced by a pupil in a primary school in the south-west of America.

At the beginning of the war with Spain the teacher told the class something about the circumstances, and asked all who favoured the war to hold up their hands. Up went every hand but Jack's.

"Well, Jack, why are you opposed to the war?" asked the teacher.

"Cause, Miss Sophie, war makes history, an' there's more now'n I can ever learn."

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Home and Depot Notes.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders being permitted, in recognition of services rendered during the South African War, 1899-1902, to bear upon their colours and appointments the following Honours :

REGULAR BATTALIONS.
South Africa, 1899-1902.
Modder River.
Paardeberg.

The 3rd (Militia) Battalion
South Africa, 1902
The 4th (Militia Battalion--
South Africa, 1900-01.
The 1st (Renfrewshire) V.B
South Africa, 1901-1902.
The 2nd (Renfrewshire) V.B.—
South Africa, 1901-1902.
The 3rd (Renfrewshire) V.B. –
South Africa, 1901-1902.
The 4th (Stirlingshire) V.B.—
South Africa, 1900-1902.
The 5th (Argyllshire) V.B.—
South Africa, 1900-1902.
The 1st (Dunbartonshire) V.B. –
South Africa, 1900-1902.
The 7th (Clackmannan and Kinross) V.B.—
South Africa, 1901-1902.

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At the wedding in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, of Miss E. D. Thomson, Edinburgh, daughter of Mr. James W. Thomson, shipowner, Leith, and of Glenpark, Balerno, with Captain F. C. Dundas, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Dr. James MacGregor, assisted by Dr. Wallace Williamson, officiated. The bride, who was attired in white satin, trimmed with beautiful lace, was given away by her father. Captain Kirk, of the A. and S. Highlanders, acted as best man, and a party of thirty men of the regiment formed a guard of honour in the nave and transcepts. The bridesmaids numbered three and were dressed in white with picture hats. The services were fully choral.

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A medal for long service and good conduct is to be granted to N.C.Os. and men of the Militia and Imperial Yeomanry. For the Militia the ribbon of the medal is to be blue, and the honour is to be earned by eighteen years' service, not necessarily continuous, but to include fifteen trainings. Service with the Regular Forces is not to be reckoned.

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The following is an extract from a recent "London Gazette" :--

"The Rev. James Robertson, D.D., D.S.O., retires on retired pay." Padre Robertson served with the Highland Brigade throughout the South African Campaign as Presbyterian chaplain, and was most popular alike with officers and men.

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The Army Council have decided that men who may be considered ineligible as recruits owing to defective teeth, may be accepted, provided that they agree to have the deficiencies remedied at their own expense (the cost not to exceed £3, to be recovered at once or by stoppage of pay), and to maintain their teeth serviceably at their own expense.

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As some doubts appear to exist as to whether both the "Meritorious Service" and "Good Conduct" Medals may be worn, the following extract from Army Order, No. 250, of November, 1902, is published below :--

Soldiers awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Long Service and Good Conduct Medal may in future wear both medals

Paragraph 2046A of the *King's Regulations* is cancelled.

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The death of another veteran of the Ninety-Third is reported from West Anstruther—Sergeant James Bryce. The deceased veteran joined the Regiment in 1854 and saw much service in the Crimea and Indian Mutiny. He was for the long period of eighteen years Volunteer Instructor of the Local Company.

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The retiral of Colonel Campbell of Inverneill, officer commanding the the 5th (Argyllshire) Vol. Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was Gazetted last week, and will be received with regret by the members of the county corps. Colonel Campbell joined the 5th some sixteen years ago as junior Major, prior to which time he was a captain in the 89th Regiment. He succeeded Col. Malcolm of Poltalloch in command of the regiment eight years ago.

Royal Army Temperance Association.

The arrival of a draft from home is always a matter of interest in any Regiment, and the "Invaders" arrival to join the Ninety-Third at Poona proved no exception. It is a matter of regret for us all, however, that they arrived too late to partake of the excellent tea provided by the Royal Army Temperance Association in their rooms, or to take part in the excellent social gathering which followed later in the evening. However, those who did sit down to polish off the delicacies set before them, were of the unanimous

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opinion that the feast did credit to the hard-working officials, and the large turnout of married folks must have been gratifying to Corporal McLachlan and his staff after their labours.

When the hour fixed for the Concert came round, the Regimental Theatre was filled to overflowing, and shortly after, Colonel Paterson, accompanied by Mrs. Paterson, arrived and took the chair for the evening.

The Regimental orchestra, which appears to be more pleasing every time we hear it, opened the programme with an overture conducted by Corporal Walker. Bandsman Walsh followed with the "Flight of Ages" in his usual excellent voice. Drummer Stewart appeared after him, and so amusing was he in "McIntosh and me" that he had to respond to an encore very enthusiastically given. Private Clark then gave us a sentimental melody in polished style, displaying careful voice culture, and Pipe Major Lynch sustained the Highland element in the programme by following with the "Fling," which he danced with his accustomed excellent manner. Sergeant Duffett then came and treated us to a bewildering display of Indian Club Swinging, his manipulations of the Clubs being so varied that nothing but a repetition would please his audience. This finished, Sergeant Ferrier brought our minds back to Scotland by his rendering of the "Lass o' Ballochmyle," and Private Galloway concluded the first part of the programme with a recitation given in his own effective manner.

Cigars and cigarettes having been passed round, the Chairman then distributed the honours gained during the year, Mrs. Paterson herself pinning them on to the breasts of the recipients, a list of whom is appended. In his interesting remarks, Colonel Paterson reminded his teetotal hearers of their duty towards their less fortunate brethren, and strongly counselled the latter towards moderation in their liquid attentions to the Canteen. He also touched on the subject of the proposed furlough scheme, his words being keenly listened to by all. Captain McCandlish in a few happy sentences proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Paterson for her share in the work of distribution, the meeting replying with three rousing cheers.

On resuming, the second part of the evening's entertainment was opened by Lieutenant Forbes singing in most amusing and realistic style "It's coming on again," and though called upon for an encore, we believe he could not appear again because of "sweezing." However, a reel set formed by our Pipe Major, Sergeant McCallum, Lance Corporals Cridland and Piper Taylor was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, then Drummer Stewart again came on, as funny as ever; followed by Private Clark who again sang in first rate style. A duet, "The Army and Navy" between Bandsman Walsh and Noble was followed very intently, and Sergeant Ferrier appeared after them with a song entitled "What's the use of loving a girl"—a rather strange one for him to sing, although his rendering was excellent. Colour-Sergeant "Charlie" Johnstone then gave us "The Last Shot" in response to an unanimous request on the part of those present, in his usual interesting style. Bandsman Walsh brought the concert to a close with his pleasing rendering of the "Dear Homeland," and the singing of "The King" by all present concluded a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

PROGRAMME.

Band	...	Overture.
Drummer Stewart	...	MacIntosh and Me (comic.)
Pte. Clarke	...	For all Eternity.
Piper M. Lynch	...	Highland Fling.
Lieut. Forbes	...	It's coming on again.
Sergt. Duffet	...	Club Swinging.
Pte. Galloway	...	Recitation.

Presentation of Medals by the Commanding Officer.

Reel Set	...	Pipers, 93rd Highlanders.
Dr. Stewart	...	The wedding o' Lauchie McGraw.
Pte. Clarke	...	The Ratt.
Bds. Walsh and Noble	...	Army and Navy.
Sergt. Ferrier	...	What's the good of loving a girl?
Cr.-Sergt. Johnstone	...	The Last Shot.
Bds. Walsh	...	Dear Homeland.

Pianist—Professor Kevure.

Appended is a list of honours awarded:

Ten years Medal.

Colour-Sergeant A. Lockie, "E" Company.

Nine Years Medal.

Sergeant W. Cockburn, "G" Company.

Six Years Medal.

Lance Sergeant W. Alder, "B" Company.

Four Years Medals.

Private Smith, "B" Coy. | Private McCreath, "F" Coy.

Three Years Medals.

L.-Cpl. Hutchinson, "D" Coy. | Pte. McLachlan, "A" Coy.

Two Years Medals.

Sgt. A. S. Macdonald, "E" Coy. Pte. Stewart, "A" Coy.
Pte. McDonald, "C" ,, ,, Calderwood "G" ,,
,, Smith, "B" ,, ,, Eite, "G" ,,

One Years Medals.

Pte. Weir,	"A"	Coy.	Pte. Bartlett,	"A"	Coy.
,, Charles,	"A"	,,	,, Knight,	"A"	,,
Bds. Petrie,	"A"	,,	,, Macmahon,	"B"	,,
Pte. McCrae,	"B"	,,	,, Smith,	"B"	,,
,, Johnstone,	"D"	,,	,, McQueen,	"D"	,,
,, McPhee,	"D"	,,	,, Marshall,	"D"	,,
,, Johnstone,	"D"	,,	,, Sherlaw,	"D"	,,
,, Walker,	"D"	,,	,, Wylie,	"D"	,,
,, Scrymgeour,	"E"	,,	,, Elder,	"E"	,,
,, Osborne,	"E"	,,	,, Grant,	"F"	,,
,, Patterson,	"F"	,,	,, Jack,	"F"	,,
,, Green,	"F"	,,	,, Gilmour,	"G"	,,
,, Foster,	"G"	,,	Drummer Lees,	"H"	,,

Six Months Star.

Pte. Campbell,	"A"	Coy.	Pte. Anderson,	"B"	Coy.
,, Glass,	"B"	,,	,, Caldwell,	"B"	,,
,, Hunter,	"B"	,,	,, Murray,	"B"	,,
,, Kiddie,	"B"	,,	,, Macmahon,	"B"	,,
,, McCrae,	"B"	,,	,, Sherra,	"B"	,,
,, Sneddon,	"B"	,,	,, Vallance,	"B"	,,

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Pte. Elton,	"B"	Coy.	Drummer Laird,	"B"	Coy
,, Blair,	"C"	,,	,, McCulloch.	"C"	,,
,, Scott,	"D"	,,	Pte. McKenna,	"D"	,,
,, Marshall,	"D"	,,	,, McQueen,	"D"	,,
Bandsman Skiff,	"E"	,,	L.-Cpl. McIntosh,	"E"	,,
Pte. Hawdon,	"F"	,,	Pte. McPhee,	"F"	,,
,, Anderson,	"F"	,,	,, Duncan,	"F"	,,
,, Kennedy,	"F"	,,	,, Paterson,	"G"	,,
,, Biggans,	"G"	,,	,, Anderson,	"G"	,,
Drummer Lees,	"H"	,,	,, Ingram,	"H"	,,

A BICYCLE RECORD FOR INDIA.

From "The Deccan Herald."

On the 2nd of October last, a forty mile road handicap bicycle race took place, the course extending from the Sungum bridge to Talegaon and back. Seventeen of the Poona Wheelers competed. Private G. Rarity, 93rd Highlanders, broke the Indian record by wheeling the forty miles in one hour 57 seconds, and won the gold medal generously presented by Messrs. Hobart Bird and Co. of Coventry, a silver medal presented by Mr. M. H. Nicholson, the well-known sportsman of Bombay, and also the Poona Wheeler's gold medal. Private Rarity very nearly approached the timing, at the distance, of the English record, but considering the condition of the road traversed between Poona and Talegaon his feat may safely be placed on level with that of the English champion. It must be added that the Hobart cycle was to the front in the 1 and ½ mile championship of India when Bombr. Taylor, R.G.A., won in Bombay in February last. Pte. Grey of the 93rd Highlanders distinguished himself by doing the same distance in one hour 52 seconds, and was accordingly adjudged second. Last evening, at the invitation of Messrs. Mody Brothers, a large gathering of Poona Cyclists was present at their premises in East Street to witness the presentation of the two gold and silver medals to Private Rarity.

Among the competitors in the race were Mr. Thejrajah, the winner of the Native Championship of India: Gunner Byrne, R.F.A., Secunderabad; Ptes. Fay and Scott, 10th Hussars, Mhow, and six competitors from Bombay. The order of the handicap wheeling was as follows:—

Mr. Golamud ... ...Gold medal
Mr. J. Merchant ... ... ,, ,,
Pte. Rarity 93rd Highlanders ... ,, ,,
Pte. Grey Silver medal with gold centre.
Mr. P. Merchant ... ...Silver Medal
Mr. R. Mody ... ... ,, ,,
Piper Wright, 93rd Highlanders ,, ,,
Mr. Jermari ... ... ,, ,,

The wheelers from Bombay were Messrs. Satin, A. H. Dady, Grant, Golamudy, Palamkote and Jermari; and from Poona, Pte. Rarity, Pte. Grey and Piper Wright, 93rd Highlanders, who was second in the Army Championship at Calcutta last year; Messrs. P. Merchant, R. Mody and J. Mody. The presentation of medals was made by Khan Bahadur Meher Hoshang Dustoor, president of Poona Wheelers.

Mr. Nicholson in awarding the medals, congratulated the winner, and hoped that the occasion was only the forerunner of many more to come, and that it would stimulate the Poona Wheelers to more vigorous efforts to gain prizes. He alluded to the exceptional generosity of Messrs. Hobart Bird and Co., who, he said, were merely informed by their Agents, Mody Brothers in Poona of the great achievement of one of their machines, and had at once voluntarily sent out the gold medal for presentation to Pte. Rarity.

The evenings demonstration terminated with cheers for the champion.

Ninety-Third Calendar for March, 1905.

1 W. Halted Shajahanpur *en route*, Oudh jungles to Sabathu, 1859; delayed three days on account of weather.
2 Th.
3 F. Hd.-qrs. ("E," "F," "G," and "H" Coys,) Bareilly for Chaubattia, 1899.
Lt.-Col. Halkett relinquished command, 1810, to 10th Foot. Hd.-qrs. arrived Ranikhet, 1901.
4 S. George Johnstone, Lt.-Col., 1810.
5 S. Arrived Halifax from England after bad passage, 1838.
6 M.
7 Tu. Lieut.-Col. Andrew Creagh to 81st Foot, 1822.
Henry Milling, Lt.-Col., 1822 (never joined).
Arrived Malta, 1854.
8 W. Disembarked, Malta, 1854 (Minie Rifle issued).
Head-quarters arrived Chaubattia, 1898.
9 Th. Capture of Martiniere College, final attack upon Lucknow, 1858.
Arrived Rawalpindi from Umballa, 1860.
Surgeon-Major William Munro, M.D., C.B., left after 13 years in regiment to take up appointment of D.I.G. of Hospitals, 1867.
10 F. Lieut.-General William Wemyss, Colonel of Regiment, 1850.
11 S. Begum Kothee, Lucknow, stormed 1858; 2 Officers, 13 N.C.O's. and men killed; 2 Officers, 45 N.C.O's. and men wounded.
12 S.
13 M.
14 Tu.
15 W.
16 Th. William Wemyss, Lt.-Col., 1815.
17 F.
18 S.
19 S. Peshawar District, Assault-at-Arms, 1896, won "Tug-of-war," pulling Devons, and Signalling Competition. D. Company, winners of Football League at Poona, 1904.
20 M. Peshawar District, Assault-at-Arms, 1896, 2nd day; pulled "Buff" in final.
Left Shorncliffe for Dublin, 1876.
21 Tu. Severe street fighting in Lucknow, 1858. Inter-Coy. "Tug-of-war," "H" Coy. win shield, Ranikhet, 1900.
22 W.
Th. Duncan Macgregor, Lt-Col., 1826, *vice* Lt-Col. Sir Chas. Gordon, to half-pay.
24 F. Annual inspection at Bareilly by Brigadier General Clifford, 1898.
25 S. Troopship "*Himalaya*" with 93rd arrived, Leith from Bombay 1870.
Annual inspection (2nd day), 1898.
26 S. do (3rd day), 1898. Inter-Coy-Physical Drill Competition, "C" Company wins Shield, Ranikhet, 1900.
27 M. Final capture of Lucknow, 1858.
28 Tu. Disembarked, Leith, 1870; head-quarters to Aberdeen, Detachments to Perth and Stir-
29 W. 2nd Bn., 93rd, left Aberdeen for Gravesend, 1814.
Left Gibraltar for Portsmouth, 1881.
30 Th. 2nd Bn., 93rd, Aberdeen for Gravesend, 1481.
31 F.

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Highland Pipers in Battle.

It is a somewhat strange coincidence that in nearly all the big wars in which Great Britain has been engaged for a century back, the heroism of the Highland regimental pipers has been an outstanding feature.

As far back as 1808, at the battle of Vimiera, Piper George Clark, of the 71st Regiment, although seriously wounded, continued piping for all he was worth while his gallant regiment charged onwards to victory. For his heroic conduct Clark was presented with a set of silver-mounted bagpipes. There were no Victoria Crosses for valor in those days. A portrait of Clark was exhibited in the Jacobite Exhibition recently held in the Highland capital, and the portrait attracted well-deserved attention.

At Quatre Bras Piper Mackay, of the Cameron Highlanders, roused to a pitch of patriotism, stepped outside the square and kept marching round as if on parade, piping all the while. Several hundreds of his regiment were killed in action, but Mackay escaped without a scar.

At Vittoria a piper of the 71st emulated the same achievement in its entirety to the tune of "Up and waur them a', Willie," while his comrades successfully stormed the position.

The relief of Lucknow added further laurels to the Highland pipers. On that occasion Pipe-Major M'Leod, of the 93rd, amidst shot and shell, continued playing his favourite airs, while his regiment charged the enemy with the utmost gallantry. The pipers of the Seaforth Highlanders also stimulated the spirits of the 72d, as they advanced to the relief of the beleaguered garrison. The soldiers, forgetting their weariness, gave three ringing cheers and rushed forward, carrying the position by a bayonet assault, while over all arose the welcome shrill of the bagpipes.

Tis the pibroch M'Diarmid played ages ago.
Tis the slogan Clan Alpine still hurls on the foe,
"The Campbells are coming!" M'Gregor is near!
Oh dinna ye hear it? Oh, dinna ye hear?

When the Cameron Highlanders charged into the trenches at Tel-el-Kebir the commanding officer of the regiment shouted "Come on, 79th!" whereupon Pipe-Major Grant at once struck up in quick time their regimental tune, "The March of the Cameron Men." The 79th rushed into the trenches, and with fixed bayonets cleared everything before them.

Every one remembers how piper Findlater, of the Gordon Highlanders, although shot through both ankles at Dargai, played up the battle tune of the Gordons, "The Haughs of Cromdale," until his regiment had won the highest ridge and completely routed the enemy. At the attack on the Atbara Piper Stewart, of the 79th, stepped aside, and piped his regiment on to a hard won victory. Unfortunately he was shot down while encouraging his comrades to action, and no less than seven bullet wounds were subsequently found on his dead body. A handsome monument, raised by public subscription, has since been erected at Kinsraig, in Badenoch, as a tribute to his memory.

Many will recollect how Piper Mackay, now Pipe Major of the Ninety First, played round the lines of his regiment at Magersfonten when the Boer fire was rapidly depleting the ranks of the Highland Brigade. Mackay seemed to bear a charmed life, however, and came through the ordeal uninjured, while all around him men were falling in heaps.

Thus we find that on many occasions the stirring strains of the bagpipes have at critical moments aided Highland regiments to successfully win hard-contested battles. —*From a Scottish Paper.*

[Piper Mackay of the Ninety-First referred to in the above paragraph, and now Pipe-Major of the Ninety-First is the son of an old Crimean Veteran of the Ninety-Third. There is no better known Piper of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at present serving than "Jimmie" as he is affectionately called by a wide circle of friends. - Ed.]

93rd Highlanders.

INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 1905.

Match.	Date.	Match.	Date.	Match.	Date.	Match.	Date.	Match.	Date.	Match.	Date.
A v. G	13th Feb.	B v. D	23rd Feb.	E v. C	6th Mar.	D v. F	16th Mar.	C v. A	27th Mar.	G. v. B	6th Apr.
B v. F	14th ,,	E v. H	24th ,,	H v. D	7th ,,	A v. H	17th ,,	D v. B	28th ,,	F. v. C	7th ,,
C v. E	15th ,,	F v. G	25th ,,	A v. E	8th ,,	B v. E	18th ,,	H v. E	29th ,,	E. v. D	8th ,,
D v. H	16th ,,	A v. D	27th ,,	B v. G	9th ,,	C v. H	20th ,,	G v. F	30th ,,	F. v. A	10th ,,
A v. B	17th ,,	B v. C	28th ,,	C v. F	10th ,,	D v. G	21st ,,	D v. A	31st ,,	H v. B	11th ,,
C v. D	18th ,,	E v. G.	1st Mar.	D v. E	11th ,,	B v. A	22nd ,,	C v. B	1st Apr.	G v. C	12th ,,
E v. F	20th ,,	F v. H	2nd ,,	A v. F	13th ,,	D v. C	23rd ,,	G. v. E	3rd ,,	F v. D	13th ,,
G v. H	21st ,,	G v. A	3rd ,,	B v. H	14th ,,	F v. E	24th ,,	H v. F	4th ,,	H v. A	14th ,,
A v. C	22nd ,,	F v. B	4th ,,	C v. G	15th ,,	H v. G	25th ,,	E. v. A	5th ,,	E v. B	15th ,,
										H v. C	17th ,,
										G v. D	18th ,,

COMMITTEE.

Captain P. D. McCandlish, Lieutenant R. R. Forbes, and one man per Company.

Protests (with the customary fee) must be lodged within 24 hours.
The Tournament will be played under the Rules of 1904-05.
Postponed games to be played at the end of the Tournament.

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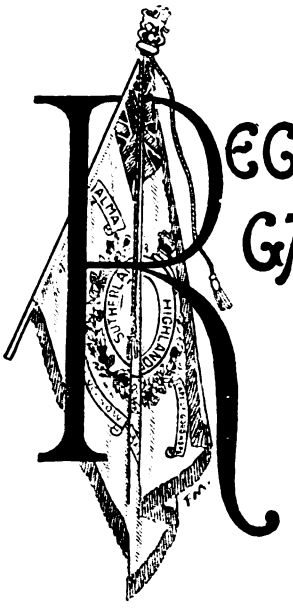

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, DATED 20TH JANUARY, 1905.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.)

Lieutenant J. B. Gillatt, to be Captain, vice G. W. Muir seconded, dated 27th August, 1902.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of "B" Company :—

No. 3885 Sergeant E. Mahoney, with effect from 1st January, 1905.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals :—

No. 6172 Pte. F. Eite, "G" Coy. | Dated 16th
,, 9258 ,, J. Mulholland, "G" ,, | January, 1905.
,, 8028 ,, G. McPherson, "G" ,,
,, 7177 ,, W. Reid, "D" ,, | Dated 4th
,, 7414 ,, R. McLaren "D" ,, | January, 1905.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals while employed in Attached Section :

No. 4635 Private J. Clarkson, "E" Company, dated 23rd January, 1905.

To be Garrison Librarian :

No. 4531 Lance Corporal C. Armour, "A" Company, dated 23rd January, 1905.

To be Acting Drummer :—

No. 9386 Boy V. R. Campbell, "B" Company, dated 17th January, 1905.

To be Acting Pipers :—

No. 9400 Boy J. Aitken, "G" Coy. | Dated 13th
,, 9386 ,, G. Davie, "F" ,, | January, 1905.
,, 8816 ,, D. Robb, "E" ,,
,, 6366 Private Hoey. "F" ,,

To be Acting Bandsman :

No. 9354 Boy G. McLellan, "C" ,, | Dated 13th
,, 9362 ,, W. D. Blythe, "E" ,, | January, 1905.
,, 9538 ,, E. D. Brazier, "H" ,,
,, 8964 Pte. J. Lafferty, "G" ,, | Dated 16th
,, 8995 ,, J. Rankin, "E" ,, | January, 1905.
,, 9388 ,, W. Birkmyre, "H" ,,
,, 8904 ,, J. Hutchison, "H" ,,
,, 9163 ,, W. Robertson, "E" ,,

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals :—

No. 6420 Lance Corporal R. Carlyle, "C" Coy., dated 17th January, 1905.

No. 7507 Lance Corporal R. Kean, "A" Coy., dated 25th January, 1905.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I., at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 7221 Pte. R. Clanahan. | No. 7225 Pte. J. McAlraith
,, 5980 ,, P. Farrell. | ,, 7507 Lce.-Cpl. R. Kean
No. 7182 Private J. Paterson.

"B" Company.

No. 7319 Pte. J. Lothian. | No. 7340 Pte. W. Law.
,, 7372 ,, A. Paton. | ,, 7385 ,, D. Clink.
No. 7212 Private W. Fraser.

"C" Company.

No. 7226 Lce.-Cpl. J. Downs | No. 7317 Pte. G. Finlay.

"D" Company.

No. 7751 Pte. W. Ramsdale | No. 7771 Pte. A. Sinclair.
,, 9434 ,, J. Allan. | ,, 7021 ,, J. Wardrope

"E" Company.

No. 6906 Private N. Oribine.

"F" Company.

No. 7223 Pte. A. Kean. | No. 7294 L.-C. T. Hempseed

"G" Company.

No. 9228 Lance Corporal J. Mulholland.

Class I., at Sixpence.

"A" Company.

No. 8179 Pte. T. Campbell. | No. 6996 Pte. A. Reid.

"D" Company.

No. 9079 Pte. A. Dunn. | No. 7759 Pte. D. Marshall.
No. 7740 Private J. Jack.

"F" Company.

No. 8067 Pte. J. Shannon. | No. 9084 Pte. F. Rhodes.

"G" Company.

No. 7744 Private H. Alexander.

GOOD CONDUCT PAY AND BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

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No. 7326 Private D. McGilp, "F" Company.

Granted Three Good Conduct Badges.

No. 4643 Lance Corporal M. McGuire, "H" Company.

Granted Two Good Conduct Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 7507 Lce. Cpl. R. Kean | No. 7221 Pte. M. Clanahan
No. 7235 Private J. McAlraith.

"B" Company.

No. 7319 Pte. J. Lothian | No. 7340 Pte. W. Law.
No. 7372 Private A. Paton.

"C" Company.

No. 7226 L.-Cpl. J. Downs. | No. 7170 Pte. R. McDonald
,, 4940 Pte. W. Kerr. | ,, 7317 ,, J. Finlay.

"D" Company.

No. 7338 Pte. J. Stewart. | No. 7368 Pte. W. Sherlaw.

"E" Company.

No. 7218 Pte. J. Graham | No. 6439 Pte. T. James.
No. 7228 Private P. Williamson.

"F" Company.

No. 7223 Private A. Kean.

"C" Company.

No. 6326 Pte. J. Mervin | No. 6347 Pte. H. Lee.

Granted One Good Conduct Badge.

"A" Company.

No. 8909 Drummer W. McLean.

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"B" Company.

No. 7969 Pte. J. Stewart. | No. 4981 Pte. P. Malone.
No. 7171 Pte. T. Vallance. | No. 7896 Pte. W. Reid.

"C" Company.

No. 9060 Pte. W. McCulloch | No. 6680 Pte. J. Henderson
,, 4906 ,, T. Craig. | ,, 7807 Piper A. S. Taylor

"D" Company.

No. 7414 Lc.-Cl. A. McLaren | No. 7651 Pte. J. Stephen.
No. 9054 Boy. H. McLachlan.

"E" Company.

No. 4812 Pte. P. Mudie. | No 6906 Pte. N. Oribine.
No. 8032 Private D. Cargill.

"F" Company.

No. 8074 Pte. T. Henderson. | No. 7623 Pte. D. Bruce.

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company.
No. 5864 Colour-Sergt. J. Brash, "C" Coy. to "G" Coy.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

On appointment as 1st Class Sergeant Instructor of B.N. Railway Volunteers.
No. 4644 Colour Sergeant D. Ritchie, "G" Company, dated 1st January, 1905.

On Discharge, Termination of 1st period of engagement.
No. 4621 Private J. White, "C" Company, 31st December, 1904.

On Discharge on payment of £18.
No. 7806 Private S. Anderson, "C" Company, dated 13th January, 1905.

Died at Calcutta on 3rd January, 1905.
No. 4295 Sergeant A. Keeble, Unattached List.

On Transfer to 13th Hussars.
No. 8182 Private H. Griffiths, "G" Company.

On Transfer to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
No. 7403 Private W. G. D. Baikie, "D" Company.

Embarked on H.T. "Plassey" on 6th January, 1905.

For discharge: No. 4651 Private H. Booth, "F" Coy.
,, 4665 ,, J. Crawford, "H" ,,
,, 4668 ,, W. Forbes, "E" ,,
,, 4773 ,, A. Wilson, "A" ,,
To Army Reserve: No. 5987 Pte. W. Ferguson, "H" ,,

Embarked on H.T. "Sicilia" on 17th January, 1905.
To Army Reserve: No. 5542 Pte. R. Perrie, "D" Coy.
,, 6005 ,, R. Wilson, "H" ,,
,, 5925 ,, J. McGrory, "F" ,,
,, 6011 ,, R. Farrell, "H" ,,
,, 6020 ,, J. McMahon, "H" ,,
,, 6027 ,, C. McKendrick, "A" ,,
For discharge: No. 4672 Pte. C. Stewart, "C" Coy.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and men, a draft from England, having joined, are taken on the strength of Companies with effect from 11th January, 1905.

"A" Company.

No. 3930 Pte. W. McMaster. | No. 9423 Pte. A. Dicker.

"B" Company.

No. 8863 Pte. R. Stark. | No. 8871 Pte. J. Woods.
,, 9056 ,, T. Mitchell. | ,, 9217 ,, R. Speirs.
,, 9203 ,, J. Stevenson. | ,, 9302 Boy V. R. Campbell.

"C" Company.

No. 8051 Pte. J. Peters. | No. 9059 Pte. J. Jannetts.
No. 9354 Boy McLellan.

"D" Company.

No. 8159 Pte. D. Houston | No. 9061 Pte. T. Boyle.
No. 9079 Private A. Dunn.

"E" Company.

No. 7040	Pte.	T. Knox	No. 8065	Pte.	W Cutler
,, 8816	,,	A. Robb	,, 8234	,,	R. Mothersole
,, 8391	,,	J. Ferguson	,, 8392	,,	D. McLeod
,, 8815	,,	J. Donald	,, 8995	,,	J. Rankine
,, 9044	,,	R. Kerr	,, 9065	,,	W. McMaster
,, 9075	,,	T. Fisken	,, 9080	,,	J. Reilly
,, 9089	,,	W. Carroll	,, 9106	,,	S. Clark
,, 9136	,,	J. Brown	,, 9163	,,	W. Robertson
,, 2638	,,	J. Kerr	,, 7585	,,	L. Davidson.
,, 9175	,,	H. Dorns	,, 8923	,,	P. Ormsby
,, 9038	,,	J. Fulton.	,, 9362	Boy	D. Blythe.

"F" Company.

No. 5736	Sgt.	G. M. McQueen	No. 4609	Cpl.	A. E. Smith
,, 6566	Pte.	C. Hoey	,, 8151	Pte.	J. Shannon
,, 8281	,,	J. Tunstall	,, 8431	,,	N. McLeod
,, 8805	,,	P. Gray	,, 8936	,,	J. Richard
,, 9001	,,	T. Law	,, 9048	,,	J. F. Rhodes
,, 9066	,,	D. Black	,, 9093	,,	T. Graham
,, 9102	,,	W. Wright	,, 9144	,,	J. Hall
,, 9395	,,	J. Scambler	,, 9409	,,	J. McCrank
,, 9413	,,	T. Gordon	,, 8838	,,	T. McDonald
,, 7139	,,	T. Tibbs.	,, 8855	,,	J. McNicol
,, 9220	,,	D. Robertson	,, 9173	,,	J. Brogan
,, 8814	,,	C. Riddell	,, 9161	,,	J. Buchanan
,, 8812	,,	A. Anderson.	,, 8412	,,	P. Ferguson
			No. 9386	Boy	G. Davis.

"G" Company.

No. 6811	Cpl.	W. Murray	No. 8161	Pte.	J. McDonald
,, 7956	Pte.	J. Stewart	,, 8408	,,	A. McGregor
,, 8294	,,	H. Grant	,, 8875	,,	W. Pollock
,, 8846	,,	A. McTear	,, 9063	,,	W.J. Stewart
,, 8944	,,	J. Lafferty	,, 9078	,,	G. Dryden
,, 9603	,,	W. McKenzie	,, 9105	,,	J. Cameron
,, 9083	,,	J. Milne	,, 9233	,,	J. Campbell
,, 9149	,,	R. Sinclair	,, 9398	,,	W. McIntyre
,, 9267	,,	H. Walker	,, 9427	,,	L. H. Adam
,, 9420	,,	J. Allan	,, 9439	,,	W. Thomson
,, 9434	,,	R. McIntosh	,, 9094	,,	A. Mackie
,, 9441	,,	W. Harris	,, 9421	,,	D. Fraser
,, 9412	,,	J. Campbell	,, 9177	,,	R. Marshall
,, 5675	,,	J. Scobie	,, 9270	,,	W. Nicolson
,, 8850	,,	C. Mochan	,, 9081	,,	W. McCandly
,, 8310	,,	J. Thomson	,, 9400	Boy	J. Aitken

"H" Company.

No. 7713	Pte.	W. Dow	No. 7965	Pte.	J. Fitch
,, 8165	,,	E. Moore	,, 8296	,,	F. Farrell
,, 8420	,,	J. Finlay	,, 8904	,,	J. Hutchison
,, 9064	,,	R. Rennie	,, 9071	,,	C. Wallace
,, 9085	,,	H. Gahan	,, 9101	,,	W. Mackie
,, 9112	,,	W. Perrie	,, 9125	,,	J. Penny
,, 9155	,,	W. Byeroft	,, 9242	,,	J. Miller
,, 9382	,,	W. Birkmyre	,, 9392	,,	A. Brunton.
,, 9408	,,	T. McKenna	,, 9062	,,	T. Steel
,, 9117	,,	R. Ferguson	,, 9381	,,	V. McEachan
,, 9219	,,	D. Smith	,, 9208	,,	J. Dickson
,, 9194	,,	J. Butterworth	,, 9116	,,	W. Dillion
			No. 9539	Boy	E. D. Brazier.

Transferred from the Black Watch from 1st January, 1905.

Private H. Palmer, posted to "H" Company.

Transferred from 1st Batt. Highland Light Infanty from 1st January, 1905.

Private W. Beattie, posted to "A" Company.

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GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 6777 Pte. McGlasson, "D" Coy., dated 25th October, 1905.

NUMBER ALLOTTED.

No. 9596, is allotted to Boy J. M. Doran, "G" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Permitted to Re-engage to complete 21 years Service :—
No. 4912 Private R. McLeish, "D" Company.
,, 4949 Lce.-Cpl. C. J. Chalmers, "E" ,,
Extended to complete 12 years Service:—
No. 6145 Sergeant A. McDonald, "C" Company.
,, 6172 Lce. Cpl. F. Eite, "G" ,,
Extended to complete 8 years:—
No. 9112 Private W. Perrie, "H" Company.
,, 9064 ,, N. Rennie "H" ,,

TAKEN ON THE MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT.

Jeanie, wife of No. 5764 Sergeant J. Sim, "D" Coy., 30-12-04.

Annie, wife of No. 5842 Sergeant R. Glass, "A" Coy., 10-1-05.

Nellie, wife of No. 9295 Lce. Sgt. W. Alder, "B" Coy., 30-12-04.

Christina, wife of No. 6014 Pte. A. Baxter, "F" Coy., 30-12-04.

Janet, wife of, and Georgina May Henderson, daughter of No. 5736 Sergeant G. M. McQueen "F" Coy., dated 10-1-05.

Jessie, wife of No. 4609 Cpl. A. E. Smith, "F" Coy., dated 10-1-05.

PLACED ON SUPERNUMERARY LIST.

In accordance to A.R.I., Vol. II.
No. 5530 Sergeant S. Gurney, "A" Coy., dated 16-1-05.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted Third Class Certificates of Education, dated Longmoor, 15th December, 1904:—
No. 8281 Private J. Tunstall, "F" Company.
,, 9427 ,, R. Adam, "G" ,,
,, 9400 Boy J. Aitken, "G" ,,

MUSKETRY.

The following N.C.Os., men of the Band, Signallers, and Casuals, are entitled to Marksmen's Badges:—

"A" Company.

No. 8179 Private T. Campbell.

"B" Company.

No. 5410 Pte. H. Bartholomew | No. 9321 Pte. R. Brown
,, 7897 ,, F. Fletcher | ,, 7212 ,, W. Fraser
,, 7844 ,, A. Kiddie | ,, 7960 ,, V. McKenzie
No. 5063 Private F. Halkerston.

"C" Company.

No. 5117 Lce.-Cpl. S. McVea | No. 5659 Pte. H. Darwood
No. 6449 Private G. W. Yeo.

"D" Company.

No. 5291 Lce.-Sgt. R. Tawse | No. 5694 L.-Cpl. J. Blake

"E" Company.

No. 4571 Cpl. J. Hiddles | No. 5164 L.-Cl. C. Lewington

"F" Company.

No. 5772 Sergt. R. White | No. 4876 Pte. W. Malcolm
,, 6259 Pte. A. Auchinvole | ,, 7598 ,, J. Duncan
No. Private W. Lawrence.

"G" Company.

No. 4628 Sgt. G. Ballantyne | No. 6486 Pte. F. Noble

"H" Company.

No. 6355 Pte. G. Boyd | No. 6392 Pte. G. Rarity
,, 4333 ,, F. Quinn | ,, 6415 ,, Caskie

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and Men are entitled to Judging Distance Badges:—

"A" Company.

No. 6569 L.-Sgt. D. McCallum | No. 2225 Cpl. A. Peggie
,, 5152 Cpl. F. Wainwright | ,, 4857 Pte. J. Quigley
,, 5060 Private J. Kelly | ,, 8078 ,, A. Campbell

"B" Company.

No. 6735 Cr.-Sgt. J. Tyndall | No. 6826 Sergt. A. Gibb
,, 6182 Lce.-Sgt. A. Watt | ,, 7191 L.-Cl. J. McKenzie
,, 7192 L.-Cl. C. Campbell | ,, 5182 Pte. T. Morrison

"C" Company.

No. 6413 L.-Cl. C. Donaldson | No. 6023 Lance Corporal
,, 6892 Pte. J. Broderick | T. McDermott
,, 5229 ,, W. Saunders | ,, 8100 Pte. J. Clarke
No. 6866 Private D. Shields.

"D" Company.

No. 5618 Cpl. A. McMaster | No. 7177 Lce.-Cpl. W. Reid
,, 5116 Pte. A. McDonald | ,, 6703 Pte. R. Houston
,, 7488 ,, W. Milton | ,, 8083 ,, J. Forsythe

"E" Company.

No. 7734 Sgt. A. S. Macdonald | No. 5666 L.-C. Markness
,, 8385 Pte. G. McIntosh | ,, 6469 Pte. J. Kidd
,, 6444 ,, J. Young | ,, 4715 ,, J. Millar

"F" Company.

No. 3037 Cr. Sgt. G. Arnott | No. 5390 Cpl. A. Stewart
,, 6419 Pte. A. Caskie | ,, 5762 Pte. J. McEachern
,, 7623 ,, R. Bruce | ,, 4715 ,, P. Oliver

"G" Company.

,, 6386 L.-Sgt. J. Dougall | No. 5397 L.-C. W. Kirkland
,, 7747 Pte. J. Alexander | ,, 4842 Pte. J. Marshall
,, 5924 ,, Pte. A. Rice | ,, 7357 ,, T. Stewart

"H" Company.

The following are granted Furloughs as noted:
No. 4397 Sgt. E. G. Cody, 1st Feb. to 31st March, 1905.
No. 7507 Lce. Cpl. Kean, "A" Coy. } From 6th Feb. to 6th March, 1905.
,, 6392 Private G. Rarity, "H" ,, }
,, 6577 ,, C. Gray, "H" ,, }
,, 6747 Piper J. Wright, "E" ,, }

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Domestic Occurrences.

DEATH.

Keeble :—At Calcutta on the 3rd January 1905, No. 4295, Sergeant Arthur Keeble, Ninety Third Highlanders. (Punjab—Bengal Unattached list).

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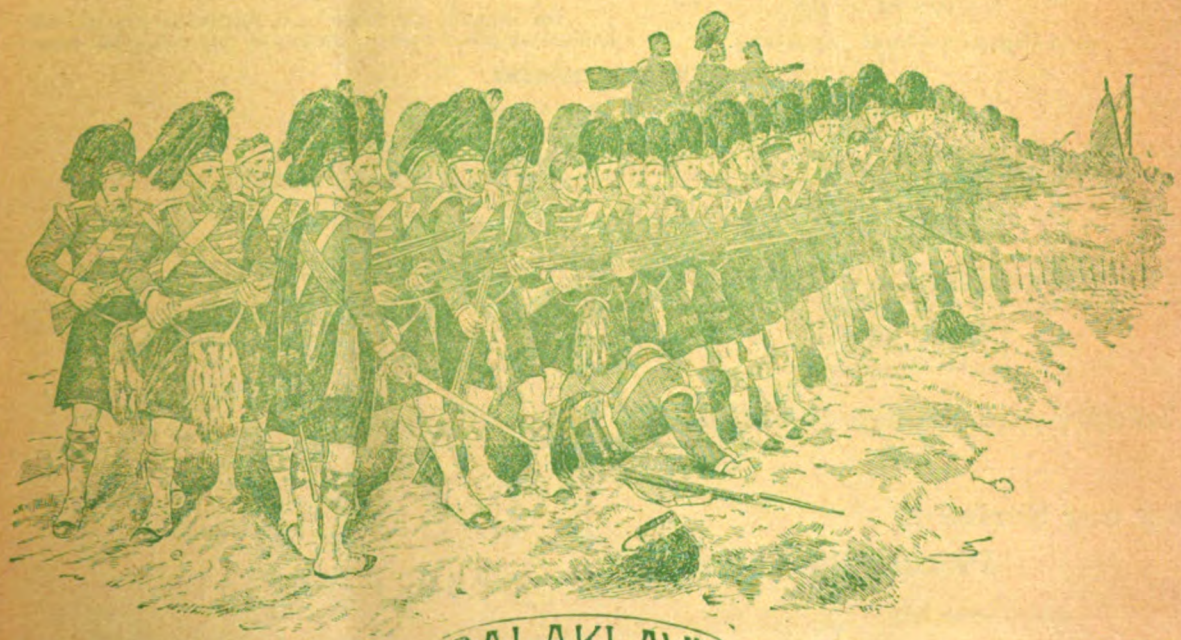

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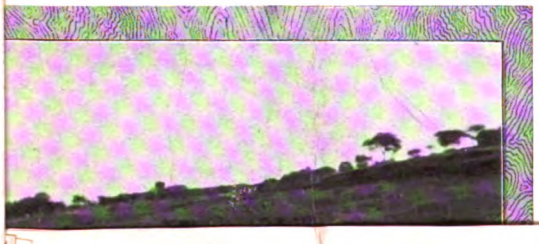

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SKIRLS

The month just concluded has witnessed the passing away of no less than four well respected veteran comrades of the Ninety-Third, in the persons of Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred H. Middleton, Colonel Samuel Edward Wood, ex-Colour Sergeant William Forbes-Mitchell, and Bandmaster William Adolphus Becker. On another page we give a short resume of their services, and to their relatives we tender our heartfelt sympathy in the sudden trial to which they have been subjected.

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"C" Company under Captain Gillatt, and "H" Company under Major Vallancey, have at last commenced upon their Annual Course of Field Training, and advantage has been taken of the Battalion's freedom from participating in Manœuvres to put a party of recruits and casuals through their annual musketry course.

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The Battalion paraded at full strength on the 8th instant, and marched to the general parade ground to take part in the presentation of decorations by Lieutenant-General Sir A. Hunter, K.C.B., Commanding the Bombay District. Three sides of a square were formed, and after the presentation had been made, a march past was ordered. This concluded the days operation, the different units returning to their Barracks. Second Lieutenants Cunninghame and Falconar-Stewart carried the Colours.

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A party of casuals under 2nd Lieutenant A. C. Gilmour have started on their Annual Course of Gymnasia.

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Our congratulations to Second Lieutenant E. G. Harvey, on his promotion to a Commission and appointment to the Wiltshire Regiment. Lieutenant Harvey, who was born in Londonderry, where his family resides, was educated at Glenalmond College, and while there was a member of the Cadet Corps of the 4th Volunteer Battalion Royal Highlanders. Enlisting on the 10th November, 1900, he was soon afterwards sent from Stirling to Belfast and thence to the Ninety-First in South Africa, where he remained until he was posted to India, joining the Ninety-Third at Calcutta. We wish him every success in his new Regiment.

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We are pleased to record the promotion of Second Lieutenant James to his Lieutenancy, a note of which has appeared in the London Gazette. Lieutenant James is at present employed at the Deolali Depot.

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Second Lieutenants L. St. C. Cheape and Lord G. H. L. Dundas have been granted nine months leave out of India, while Second Lieutenant R. D. Falconar-Stewart has been granted one years leave out of India. All three leave for home on an early date.

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During the absence of our esteemed padre, the Rev. Alan Cant, on a month's leave, the Rev. W. A. Reid, Church of Scotland Mission, Poona, will officiate.

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Again we have to record the departure of another party of time-expired men, the strength being, eighteen for transfer to Army Reserve and three for discharge. Amongst them was Private McNiff of "H" Company, who fought so well in the various Boxing Competitions, and whose absence will be regretted at the forthcoming Assault-at-Arms.

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The new Miniature Range, facetiously known as the "Morrison Tube" Range, has been open for practice during the month, the various companies having each had a day allotted for their use. It appears to be a big improvement on the "Morris Tube," as, by reducing the charge and the size of the bullet, each man is able to use his own rifle. A match between the Sergeants of the right half Battalion and their comrades of the left was to have taken place, but on account of some minor improvements being made on the range, it had to be postponed.

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By the time this appears in print possibly every man will have received his issue of the new helmet. Of a smart appearance, and as we believe, worn with a white heckle and tartan patch, the new head gear should lend an air of distinction to the Battalion on parade.

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The supply of the new Lee-Enfield Rifle for the Ninety-Third has at last arrived, and the customary Board has been hard at work examining each weapon before issue. With the ample opportunities for practice which the Regimental Shooting Club affords, no time should be lost in finding the peculiarities of each rifle.

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A party, consisting of eight men per company, has been selected to undergo a short course of field service cooking under the instruction of Wanowrie School of Cookery staff.

During the earlier part of the month we have been favoured with a continuance of cold weather, with the result that influenza and other little ills have been rife. However, the last few days have been warmer, so much so that we have again reverted to early morning parades.

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The football league now being well started, several interesting games have been witnessed. While the Championship is yet an open question, the fortunes of each company are eagerly followed by its supporters, and many and varied are the criticisms on the players. "D" company, last years winners, are making a strong endeavour to retain the clock, but it will require a few more matches yet ere the ultimate issue is anything like defined.

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Playing for the Calcutta Cricket Club against the King's Own Regiment the other week, Lieutenant Akers-Douglas and Mr. L. P. E. Pugh broke the Calcutta record for a first wicket partnership, scoring 273. Of this total Lieutenant Akers-Douglas contributed no less than 207 not out.

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The much talked of Bombay Presidency Rifle Association meeting has at last come and gone. The representatives of the Regiment collared a fair share of the prizes, and indeed have every reason to be pleased with the appearance made by them. A full account of their prowess appears on another page.

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We omitted to record in an earlier issue, the fact that Staff Sergeant Wylie, who is a Ninety-Third man, had been mentioned in despatches for his work in the late mission to Thibet. Staff Sergeant Wylie served throughout the Mission as Chief Clerk to Brigadier-General Macdonald, and is at present paying a visit to his old Corps prior to his departure for home on leave. While writing, we are pleased to notice that our old comrade has generously presented a Cup to the members of the Sergeants' Mess, to be given to the winner of a Billiard Tournament. Nearly all the members have entered and several interesting matches are looked for.

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With reference to the paragraph which appeared in "Skirls" of our last issue regarding the two silver Candlesticks in possession of the Sergeants' Mess, and in which information was asked regarding the donor of such a valuable contribution towards the mess plate, it appears that when our old Regimental Team won the Regimental Prize at the Curragh Camp in 1889, in order to suitably commemorate the event, the two silver

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candlesticks were added to the mess plate; and in addition a small silver shield, suitably inscribed, was also presented to the mess as a memento of the match. Whether the candlesticks were bought by the members of the mess or presented by someone is not quite clear, but we shall be glad to hear from any of our old comrades in the matter.

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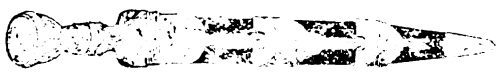
For the use of the Photographs reproduced with the supplement to this number, we are indebted to Lieutenant L. G. Fenzi and Sergeant G. Newall. The pictures illustrate scenes on the Divisonal Field Firing near Maranji.



Obituary.

The Late Colonel A. H. Middleton.

The many friends of the late Colonel Alfred Harold Middleton received a painful surprise when the news of his sudden demise was announced. The sad event occured at his residence, Bardowie Castle, Milngavie, on Thursday, February, 2nd, and although the deceased had not been well for some time, his illness was not considered at all serious. However, about two weeks prior to his death, he took to his bed, and gradually becoming worse, had to go through an operation. This proved too much for the strength of the patient, and to the sorrow of all he passed peacefully away.

Of a genial disposition, he was a hearty favourite with all who met him, and his presence will be missed by many. A frequent correspondent and contributor to the "Thin Red Line", his utmost endeavours were always used to keep up the reputation of the Ninety-Third, and many are the veterans who can testify to his kindness of heart in the hour of their need. To his sorrowing widow we offer our deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

The following appeared in the "Stirling Observer."

Born in March, 1857, at Antermony House, which was then rented by his father, an East India merchant in Glasgow, the future Colonel Middleton was educated at Eton, and being intended for the army, went straight from the famous English Public School to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, which he entered on 16th February, 1875, a month before he had attained his 18th year. He got a commission as lieutenant in the 93rd Highlanders on 28th April, 1875, and became captain on 19th January, 1884, retiring from the army on 8th October the same year. On 22nd November following he was appointed captain in the Stirlinghire Militia, and became major on 10th June, 1902; honorary lieutenant-colonel on 6th December; and lieutenant-colonel on 7th February, 1903, on the retirement of the Duke of Montrose.

Lieutenant-Colonel Middleton held the following appointments in the course of his military career—Adjutant and Quartermaster, Musketry Detachments, at Curragh Camp, 1877-78; adjutant, 93rd Highlanders, 15th March, 1879, to January, 1881; adjutant, 91st Regimental District, 1883-84 (also part of 1900); musketry instructor, 3rd Battalion, 1884 to 1892, and 1894 to 1899; brigade major, 34th Field Army Brigade, 1901, and from 1st November, 1902, to 10th April, 1903; commandant and deputy administrator, Williston and District, Cape Colony, 1902; served in South Africa with the 3rd Battalion, A. and S. Highlanders, for which service he held a medal and 2 clasps. He also received the Royal Humane Society's silver medal for an act of gallantry performed on the 28th November, 1880, when he helped to save a brother officer's life in Gibraltar Bay. He also held the Queen Victoria Jubilee medal, 1897, for the Royal Company of Archers Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland.

Owing to the war in South Africa, amongst other officers of the 3rd Battalion A. and S. Highlanders, called out for home duty on 4th December, 1899, was Captain and Hon. Major Middleton, and on 12th March following he took over, at Stirling Castle, the duties of adjutant of the 91st Regimental District.

On 19th December, 1900, the Commanding Officer received orders that the services of the 3rd Battalion, which had volunteered the year before, had been accepted for South Africa. On 6th January the embodiment took place at Stirling Castle, and, after clothing and equipment, the regiment proceeded to Maryhill Barracks for training, etc., prior to embarkation, Captain and Hon. Major Middleton being amongst the officers present. The Battalion left Maryhill on 31st January, 1902, in three detachments, the second under command of Major Middleton, and embarked on board the hired transport, "Canada," reaching Cape Town on 19th February.

"B" Company (Major Middleton's,) which was the Headquarters Company, arrived at De Aar on 24th February, where it was quartered as part of the garrison. It was employed three times on convoy duty to Britstown, and on one day under Major Middleton marched 34 miles in 22 hours, escorting a convoy of 103 waggons out to Spruinfontein, returning by itself. It was also on duty for three days on the Riet section of the De Aar Naauwpoort Line, occupying blockhouses along with the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Major Middleton, being appointed Commandant and Deputy Administrator of Williston District, was not with the Battalion on its several services, and, after peace had been declared, he commanded at Calvinia, until his return home with the regiment, in the transport "Sunda," in September. As already stated, he became Colonel of the Battalion in February, 1903, on the retirement from that post of the Duke of Montrose. Colonel Middleton's last function as commanding officer was in November last, in the Golden Lion Hotel, when on behalf of the present officers of the 3rd Battalion, A. and S. Highlanders, he presented the Duke of Montrose with his portrait.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of deceased took place on Tuesday to Baldernock Churchyard, near Bardowie Castle. The funeral was a public one, and was largely attended. There was no military ceremony further than the presence of the band of the 26th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

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from Maryhill, and the pipe band of the Stirlingshire Militia, both of which played appropriate music. A carrying party in full uniform, composed of the Permanent Staff Sergeants from Stirling Castle, were in attendance—Sergeant-Major Lindsay being in command, and a number of the veterans of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Association were also present, besides many former officers and private soldiers. The coffin was carried from the hall of Bardowie Castle to the funeral car, wrapped in his tartan plaid, on which was placed his feather bonnet and claymore. The order of march was—First the pipers, then the band of the Rifles, the funeral car guarded on each side by three soldiers in full uniform, and behind the car were the relatives, the general public, and last a detachment of soldiers. On reaching the churchyard the coffin was carried into the church, where a brief funeral service was conducted. After the coffin had been lowered, the pipers played a Highland lament. The pall-bearers were Major Middleton, Baldarroch; Mr. Victor Middleton, Mr. John Middleton, relatives; Sir James Hume, Bart., brother-in-law; Colonel Campbell, Inverardoch; Colonel Trotter, Major Scott Plummer, and Major Maxwell Rouse.

THE LATE WILLIAM FORBES-MITCHELL.

With deep regret the news of the death of our old veteran comrade was received in the Regiment, his passing away at his residence in Calcutta taking place on Saturday, 11th February, 1905, after a short illness.

The following particulars, extracted from a leading Indian daily, sum up the popular opinion of Mr. Forbes Mitchell, and to these we can add nothing more than to say that his relatives are assured of universal sympathy in their bereavement.

"Our old friend Forbes-Mitchell is gone. The veteran responded to the Roll-call early last Saturday morning after a short bronchial attack. He had in many respects a remarkable career. He went through the Crimean War of 1854-56, and then fought through the subsequent Mutiny Campaign in India. I was amongst the crowd who witnessed the departure of the old Ninety-Third from a Scottish seaport when that famous Highland Regiment was thought to be embarking for the Far East. When they reached the Cape they were ordered up to Calcutta with all speed and found their old commander, Sir Colin Campbell, waiting for them to go to the relief of Lucknow. Forbes-Mitchell was in the ranks the day they left Scotland. So he told me when I met him in India thirty years after. The story of the Mutiny Campaign he has told in the pages of his widely-read book on that interesting subject.

He was a lively man all his days, had an observant eye and a remarkable memory. During all his soldier career his note-book was his companion, and his voluminous note-books formed the quarry from which he got the material for his work on the Mutiny, and also for another volume which will shortly see the light. He had many ups and downs during his seventy-five years' pilgrimage, and "had misfortunes great an' sma' but aye a heart abun' them a'.' After leaving the army he entered into business life as a ropemaker, and for years carried on a fairly successful work. The few last years, however, got clouded with financial difficulties, against which he made a brave struggle. Towards the end of his strenuous life the infirmities of age began to assert themselves, and it was evident to his friends, during the past six months, that his warfare was soon to be accomplished. He never gave in. He came to see me once a week, bringing instalments of his autobiography which I urged him to work at until he got it completed. About a fortnight ago he came with the concluding chapters. "Finished at last," said he, as he laid down the manuscript, little thinking that the words were as true of himself as of his book. The autobiography throbs with intense human interest, and I am sure when it is published it will meet with a warm welcome from that world-wide circle of friends who were thrilled with his recollections of the Mutiny. His remains were interred on Sunday morning last with full military honours and in the presence of a large circle of friends. The sympathy of all who know him will go forth to his widow and family."

THE LATE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL S. E. WOOD.

The death occurred at Nithside, Dumfries, of Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Edward Wood, of Kilnahard, County Cavan, late of the 93rd Highlanders, Sir Colin Campbell's "Thin Red Line."

The deceased officer was a grandson of one of the Iron Duke's veterans, Captain Webbs, of the 1st Royal Dragoons. Colonel Wood began his military career as an ensign in the 93rd, which he joined in 1855, and served with the regiment during the Crimean campaign and also through the Indian Mutiny under the late Lord Clyde. He also served in the Boer War of 1881. He was 71 years of age.

In India the Colonel saved the life of Private Green, who was cut off his from regiment by natives before Lucknow, by charging amongst them. The rescued man was the Colonel's orderly and life-long attendant afterwards, and was at his bedside when he died.

The following is a record of the deceased officer's service:—

Ensign 16th February, 1855. Served as a Lieutenant during the Indian Mutiny, (severely wounded at the relief of Lucknow) was at Cawnpore during the operations in December, 1857, and at the Siege of Lucknow, and Rohilcund campaign to the capture of Bareilly. Captain 10th August, 1864, and Brevet Major 1st October, 1877. Went to the Pay Department. Indian Mutiny medal with clasps for the relief and capture of Lucknow. Appointed Staff Pay Master with the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel, 20th March, 1887.

Relief of Lucknow by Lord Clyde (severely wounded), Battle of Cawnpore, 6th Dec., 1857; siege and capture of Lucknow, attack on the fort of Rewah, action of Aligunge, and capture of Bareilly, (Medal with 2 clasps).

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Home and Depot Notes.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. William Adolphus Becker, bandmaster of the Perth Corporation Band, took place on 3rd February. Mr. Becker was able to perform his duties up till a week prior, when he attended the band practice. On the Saturday, however, he took ill, and was unable to be present at the Corporation concert on that evening. The condition of his health improved, and on Thursday evening he was conversing cheerfully with his friends. He suddenly expired on Friday morning. Deceased was born at Baluchstadt, a village in Saxony, in 1837, and was thus 68 years of age. He received his musical education at Leipzig, and during his course of study gave promise of being a cornet player of no mean ability. When quite a young man he went to reside in London, having received an important engagement as first solo cornet player under Sir August Manns at the Crystal Palace. After several years' service he accompanied one of the British regiments to the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, as bandmaster. On his return and at a review at Aldershot, he had the honour of playing before the late Emperor Frederick of Germany the favourite hymn of the Empress, for the rendering of which he was highly commplimented by His Majesty For twenty years he was bandmaster of the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, and during his term of office was stationed in India, Gibraltar, and the Mauritius. On the expiry of his time in the army he was appointed bandmaster of the Stirlingshire Militia, under His Grace the Duke of Montrose, and afterwards of the Volunteer Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry at Glasgow. During his leisure hours he conducted bands in Falkirk, Stirling, and Alloa. Having been appointed bandmaster of the Perth Corporation Band, he came to reside in the city some six years ago. As a bandmaster he was considered to be a leader of exceptional ability, and he was a master of the cornet. His loss, not only to the band, but to the community of Perth, is great. Deceased was of an exemplary character, and of a quiet, unassuming disposition. In matters public he took little interest, but was a ready Christian worker. In the Congregational Church, as well as in the Y.M.C.A., he took an active and prominent part. Mr. Becker leaves a son, Mr. Charles Becker, accountant in Lloyd's Bank, London, and two daughters, for whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

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We believe that the Argyll and Sutherland Memorial Home in Stirling is to be carried on where it is (in Mar Lodge) for another year at least.

The sergeants at the Depot are still keeping up the festive reputation of the Castle, yet another dance having been held in the Lion's Den three weeks ago. Colour Sergeant "Algie" Matthews appears to have been the guiding spirit, and the thorough enjoyment of the guests was the well merited result of his endeavours.

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From the Stirling Sentinel:—

Major A. Aytoun, D.S.O., has been appointed Superintendent of the Military Prison at Stirling in succession to Captain Ledward, who goes to South Africa. Major Aytoun, who is of "ours," will be welcomed back to Stirling by many old friends. He won his D.S.O. in South Africa while in charge of Colonial troops.

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Yet another link in the chain of the historical past was broken by the death of John O'Neill, a veteran soldier who had served in the Crimea. O'Neill was sent to the Crimea, and afterwards sent to the Indian Mutiny. He took part in the relief of Lucknow under Sir Colin Campbell, and formed one of the party who entered the breach of the Secundra Bagh bastion.

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We observe from the "Oban Times" that our late Pipe Major Ferguson, now of 4th Battalion, was responsible for the music at the Annual Christmas Treat held on the Kilberry Estate, while Pipe Major Mackay, of the Ninety First, performed the duties of Clan Piper at the annual gathering of the Clan Mackay Society held in Glasgow last month.

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The Executive Committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial School have finally decided upon Dunblane as the site for the proposed school. The carrying out of the scheme will now proceed with all possible despatch.

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It was proposed recently in the Falkirk district to erect a monument, or memorial of some sort, to the memory of the men who died during the late war in South Africa. Mr. W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., Edinburgh, is to be invited to carry out in bronze the monument, which takes the form of a group of two members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 7ft. 6in. in height, one, with fixed bayonet, protecting a wounded comrade. The pedestal, in granite, will have a bronze inscription plate with the names of the men who died in the campaign.

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The Ninety First are to be congratulated on their removal to Chatham from the wilderness in which they have been situated since their return from South Africa.

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The Russo-Japanese War.

FEBRUARY 1905.

After the hard fighting in the last days of January S. and S.W. of Mukden, in which the Russians sustained 25,000 casualties and the Japanese 7,000 at least, both armies settled down to prepare for the next great battle which was inevitable as soon as the weather moderated. The sufferings of the wounded lying for days helpless and untended in the snow and a temperature of 60 degrees of frost must have been horrible!

A difference of opinion between General Kuropatkin and General Gripenberg (who commanded the Russian attacking force) as to whether the former failed to support the latter in the way he should have done, or whether the latter attacked in the way he should not have done, led to the resignation of Gripenberg.

On Feb. 1st there was some fighting to the West of Mukden in which the Russians lost 700 men, but there followed comparative tranquility until the 14th when 9,000 cavalry with guns appeard 30 miles West of Liaoyang but were easily driven back by the Japanese on the 15th. At the same time a heavy artillery duel took place in the centre, the Japanese having got into position some of their heavy 8 inch siege guns. Again on 22nd and 23rd an artillery action took place, whilst Russian cavalry made futile attempts on Haicheng and Vinchuang; also on 23rd the Japanese attacked the Russian centre at Ching-kochen, 65 miles East and South of Mukden, and by the evening of 24th they had captured the position, the Russians retreating Northwards leaving 150 dead and 3 machine guns on the field. On the 25th a general forward movement by the Japanese, supported by their 8 inch and 11 inch seige guns, was begun and on their left the cavalry seized Tsin-min-ting, 20 miles N. W. of Mukden on Feb. 28th, capturing large quantities of supplies and forage. Supporting the cavalry, 4 Divisions of General Nogi's army got round the Russian right flank and part of his troops had penetrated to within 6 miles of Mukden. As a corresponding enveloping movement on the East is apparently in progress, the outlook for Kuropatkin is gloomy, and the constant stream of supplies and stores going Northward seems to presage his early retirement on Tichling.

Tsin-min ting is at present the terminus of the Chinese Railway from Teintsin, and being in Chinese neutral territory, Russia was so horrified at this violation of neutrality that she promptly addressed a Note to the powers calling attention to it! As the Japanese move deprives the Russians of a line of supply through neutral territory, one can quite understand how annoying it must be to them, putting aside the inconvenience of being attacked unawares behind their right flank!

In Korea the Japanese have been sending troops and guns North from Gensan to threaten the Russians who have established a large post and depot at Syongchin, a treaty port 130 miles to the North East. It is also reported from Vladivostok that 2,000 Japanese have landed at Shengudshin; presumably this is some place North East of the fortress.

All men under 40 years of age in Japan have been called to arms, and a fifth army is being organized for service in Manchuria.

The surrender of Port Arthur still produces a crop of contradictory stories, but even continental friends of Russia appear now convinced there was something wrong about its capitulation. Stoessel stated and states the garrison were at their last gasp, but if it were so, how does he account for there being 25,000 able-bodied soldiers, well fed and well-clothed, in the fortress at its surrender? For the destruction by exploding or throwing into the harbour of tons of ammunition? For there being ample supplies of food for 3 months, including 6,000 tons of flour; also large quantities of coal and other fuel? and that the Japanese found 500 guns fit for use in the place? The truth seems to be that the officers were thoroughly demoralized and were malingering or skulking instead of leading their men, and one of the worst, considering his position, appears to have been General Stoessel, decorated with the German Order of Merit!! The Naval and Military officers mutually disliked and despised each other, and no sort of co-operation between the two services existed; all were heartily tired of the siege (at this one cannot be surprised) and, as in our South African war, the "Peace at any price" feeling being the strongest, overruled the wishes of the few determined fighting spirits.

The Japanese are about to make great increases in their Naval strength; four battleships are building for them in England, though these cannot be delivered until the war is over, and they have purchased 2 cruisers (armoured) from Chili as well as 15 submarines from the United States. In Japan they are constructing one 19,000 ton battle ship, and 3 large cruisers as well as torpedo vessels; none of their large vessels will have guns of less calibre than 10 inches, as the naval experience of this war shows that less powerful guns are not sufficiently effective against armoured vessels. In addition, Japan has placed an order in England for half a million's worth of guns.

In preparation for the Baltic Fleet the Japanese have 3 cruisers patrolling the Tsusheina Strait between Korea and Japan, and 3 in the Tsugaru Strait between the islands of Yezo and Hondo opposite Vladivostok. A division has been sent

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to Formosa and the fortifications on that island are being added to. The main portion of their fleet has left for the South, and is now probably between Hong Kong and Borneo.

It is stated that the Baltic fleet will not attempt to proceed to Far Eastern waters before April and will continue to cruise about in the western Indian Ocean, as it has no base, and the Japanese have notified their intention of sinking any colliers found with the fleet, the coaling problem will become one of more and more expense and difficulty. Five Russian cruisers were on Feb. 11th ordered out of German East African waters, whilst on 16th there were at Nosibé, in Madagascar, 70 Russian vessels taking in stores. The third Division of the Baltic Fleet, consisting of some very old and slow cruisers, passed Dover on 26th going West.

The report of the North Sea Enquiry Commission was issued on Feb. 23rd, and the admirals record their opinion that there were no torpedo boats in or near the North Sea at the time of the outrage; that, whatever the Russians thought they saw, they were not justified in firing in the reckless manner they did; that they should have reported what had occurred to the British authorities.

The British Government accordingly has presented Russia with a bill for £65,000 damages. A very modest sum indeed to ask, and Russia may think herself devilish lucky these are not the days of Queen Elizabeth, Cromwell or Pitt otherwise she would have had several millions worth of ships sunk in the depths of the Atlantic.

The strikes throughout Russia have been renewed at intervals, especially in Poland and the Caucasus. The employes on the railways have been placed under martial law in order to keep them at their work, and in the big towns each policeman is accompanied by a soldier to act as spies on each other, as neither separately are to be trusted by the authorities.

Collisions between the mobs and the military have been frequent, and the most drastic and brutal methods have been employed to intimidate the rioters. When these comprise the brutal flogging of naked wounded women by the police, it is not surprising that the Grand Duke Sergius, the head of the party of anti-reform and such repressive measures, should have been blown to pieces. Neither his public or his private life have been such as to cause many regrets to follow him to the grave.

The Tzar having promised reforms in the constitution and appointed a Commission to enquire into grievances of the workmen, has now gone back to the Grand Ducal reactionary party and has refused to grant relief.

How far all this is affecting the reinforcement and supplying of the armies in Manchuria is not exactly known at present, but such internal disorder cannot make for effective support of the Russian forces in the Far East.

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In Barracks.

Password for the month: "Offside."

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The principal source of amusement during the past month, has been the watching of the games played in the Football league. I do not for a moment set myself up as a critic of the noble game, but I am constantly hearing captains of teams complaining of the scarcity of players, finding it difficult to secure eleven good men to sport the company colours. Why is this so? Go to any match and listen to the remarks and criticisms of the onlookers, and you will have no trouble in finding that two thirds of the men who are not playing know more about the game than those who are upholding the honour of their company. How to get the ball, what to do with it when you have got it, where to place it if you can't get clear, how to shoot, where to shoot from, and in short anything you want to know about play, go to the crowd round the field. I would suggest that a selection committee take their stand behind the ropes at one of the matches and select the eleven best critics, and give them a chance to show their abilities—*as players.*

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Much has been written regarding the various Regimental Institutes and their influence in enabling the troops to pass an hour or two, but I notice that no one has ever thought it worth while to speak of an Institution, which, although not on the recognised establishment of, or under the control of, the P.R.I., is of greater antiquity than either the Canteen or Supper Room. I refer to that centre of intellectual activity, the Company Storeroom. Just drop in for a moment, no matter what time of the day, and look around. Seated on a box in the corner you will probably find one man studying the morning paper; another man is indulging in the cooling soda; while yet another is discussing with the storeman the merits of the latest issue of pull throughs or some other equally necessary article. Yet although unpretentious in itself, it often is the recognised place of mediation in many a dispute; and in fact. if you want to hear the latest rumour or yarn there is no place to go to like the Company Storeroom. Long may it reign.

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Some very amusing answers to the conundrums which appeared in our second last issue have been received. Many of them are similar, while others

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are very lengthy, but as, unfortunately, it would occupy two much space to publish all I give the best of them.

"A" Company is the best protected Company in the regiment because,—They have made "Hastie" "Drain(s)" in which are entrenched "Young" and "Kean" "Briton(s)" arrayed in "Armour," with two "Gunn(s)" and commanded by a brave "Knight" (Sir A.) "Hunter," with his good old field-"Glass."

"B" is the most graceful company because they have a "Swan" in it.

"C" is the most powerful company because they have a "Gunn," a "Gunner," four "Smiths" and "Shields."

"D" is the best regulated Company because in addition to a "Roberts" and a "Kitchener," they have a "Marshal" to direct them.

"E" is the most precious Company because they they possess a "Diamond."

"F" is the most noticeable Company as they possess not only a "Mark" but have "Black," "White" and "Green" in it.

"G" Company is not likly to starve, for they have a "Lamb," a "Duff," "Rice" and a "Baker" in their ranks.

"H" is the most sought after Company because of its "Rarity."

The Band are not likely to win a tug-of-war, for although they are "Blythe" and "Skiff," enough they possess a "Lightbody."

Yer kin tell a bully marksman
By the way he sights his piece;
Yer can tell a bandbox soldier
If his pants contain a crease;
Yer kin tell a fiery corporal
By the things he doesn't know;
Yer kin tell a junior sergeant,
Fur he never gits a show;
Yer kin tell the quartermaster
By his bay-winder on in front;
Likewise the Colour-sergeant,
For he has to stand the brunt;
But there's one *thing* yer kin always tell,
An' yer needn't go by chance;
Yer kin always spot a raw recruit
With his hand glued ter his pants.

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Temperance Notes.

Pride of Sutherland Lodge I.O.G.T.

The anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated in social fashion in the Connaught Institute on the 15th February, the labours of the officials being rewarded with a good turnout of members and friends, including several ladies. An excellent tea was provided and heartily enjoyed by all, and after the tables had been cleared of the delicacies, an enjoyable programme was submitted. Brother Mr. Gardner of the Post Office, who takes an active interest in the doings of the various temperance organisations, both in the service and out of it, occupied the chair, and opened the evening with a few appropriate remarks on the cause of temperance. Cigars and cigarettes having been provided, the programme was gone through, with the result that a very pleasant evening was passed. The proceedings closed with the customary votes of thanks, Mr Gardner again favouring the audience with a few words.

The programme was as follows: –

Opening Remarks:		*Brother Gardner.*
Song	Motherland	*Brother Noble.*
Recitation	The Engine driver's Story	*Friend Galloway.*
Song	A picture no artist can paint	*Brother McCreath.*
Song	Loch Lomond	*Brother McLachlan.*
Club Swinging Exhibition		*Friend Duffet.*
Gramophone Selections		*Friend Burnam.*
	INTERVAL.	
Song	Comic	*Brother Walker.*
Song	Star of Bethelem	*Brother Noble.*
Recitation	Majuba Hill	*Friend Galloway.*
Song	Highland Soldier's dream	*Brother McCreath.*
Song	Comic	*Friend Duffet.*
Banjo Selection		*Friend Owdy.*
Gramophone Selections		*Friend Burnam.*
Closing Remarks		*Brother Gardner.*

Royal Army Temperance Association.

Advantage was taken of the periodical visit of the Rev. Mr. Bateson, the energetic well known Secretary of the Association, to hold a Concert in the Regimental Theatre. There was a crowded house, and Colonel Paterson occupied the chair, while there was also a large turnout of the other officers of the Regiment. An excellent musical programme was submitted, the Regimental Orchestra, under the leadership of Corporal Walker, rendering selections during the evening. Mr. Bateson opened the meeting with an address. Unfortunately (for us) we could not get near the door at the moment for the crowd, and so we lost the best of his remarks, but judging from the hearty laughter from his audience it was very evident his speech was appreciated. Then the musical part of the entertainment was gone on with, the best of the regimental favourites making appearance, and one and all contributing their best endeavours towards the success of the evening. Bandsman Walsh and Gunner Bowden deserve special mention for the excellence of their duets, while Pipe Major Lynch and the reel team supplied the essentially Highland element without which no concert would be complete. Mr. Kennedy sang well, as also did Sergeant Markey with his known ditties, and Private McCreath with two well known topical sentiments. Private Galloway was interesting as usual, while Sergeant Duffet swung his clubs as cleverly and trickily as ever. Taken all over it was quite up to the high standard of Regimental entertainments,

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and the promoters, Corporal McLachlan and his hard working Committee, are to be congratulated on its success.

The following is the programme.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.

OVERTURE		*The Band.*
SONG	The day that's gone	*Bandsman Walsh.*
SONG	My little nipper	*Sergeant Markey.*
RECITATION	Selected	*Private Galloway.*
CLUB SWINGING	.. ..	*Sergeant Duffet.*
SONG	Sing me to sleep	*Mr. Kennedy.*
HIGHLAND FLING	.. ..	*Pipe Major Lynch.*
SONG	The Diver	*Gunner Bowden.*
SONG	A picture no artist can paint	*Private McCreath.*
DUET	The Guardship	*Bands. Walsh and Gunner Bowden.*

INTERVAL.

REEL SET	.. ..	*Pipers 93rd Highlanders.*
SONG . ..	Selected	*Mr. Kennedy.*
SONG	Got a long way to go ..	*Sergeant Markey.*
,, (encore)	Bill	
DUET .. .	Life's dream is o'er	*Bands. Walsh and Gunner Bowden.*
SWORD DANCE	.. ..	*Pipe Major Lynch.*
SONG	Ring down the curtain ..	*Private McCreath.*
SONG	Selected	*Gunner Bowden.*
SONG . ..	Anona	*Bandsman Walsh.*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Bombay Presidency Rifle Association.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1905.

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The much looked forward to Central Meeting of the above Association was carried through at the Wanowrie Ranges from the 1st to the 11th February, and resulted in an increase of entries over last year of 44 British and 3 native. Of the 180 British Competitors, no less than 42 were from the Ninety Third, and as all the best shots in the Battalion were thus entered, we stood a very fair chance of securing a good share of the prizes.

The opening stages of the meeting were devoted to "Unlimited" practice matches, and at every distance we were fortunate in getting a few names into the prize list. The only medal given for the aggregate at this stage was won by Sergeant D. W. Stobie, with a score of 188 points out of a possible 210. The unlimited finished, the serious work of the meeting commenced, the British Championship matches occupying the ranges in the forenoons, while team matches were generally fired off in the afternoons.

At no time during the meeting were the scores ever above the average, the number of possibles registered being only ten as against a total of twenty two last year. This state of affairs is attributed to the indifferent weather conditions which were prevalent throughout the Competition, and we believe the Committee's attention has been directed to the fact that the time for the meeting was too late in the season, and that the month of November or thereabouts is a much better time, both as regards wind and light, the two most important factors in match shooting.

However, our representatives have no reason to feel other than proud of their appearance, some of the best scores in the meeting being made by them; but it is an old saying and a true one that "experience teaches," and however clear the eye may be, and steady the arm, the man with the experience comes out top in the long run So the obvious moral is—practice and plenty of it, and in these trying times of efficiency tests, it is foolish to think otherwise.

The final event of the meeting was the match, Army versus Volunteers, the Army team being captained by Major Vallancey, D.S.O., while of the team, Colour Sergeants Tyndall and Johnstone formed part. The Volunteers were exceedingly lucky in winning by the the narrow margin of 29 points, our representatives finishing second and fourth respectively.

The meeting terminated on the Saturday afternoon with the presentation of prizes, presided over by Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Hunter. Major-General Richardson also attended and the prizes were handed to the successful competitors by Mrs. Richardson. The Band of the Ninety-Third rendered selections during the afternoon. Sir Archibald, in a characteristic speech, pointed out that the conditions governing entries ought to be framed so as to promote good shooting among all classes and not be favourable only to those who are commonly called pothunters. Be that as it may, the Committee are evidently aware, that if you don't have the "pots" you can't have the "hunters" and if you have no "hunters" the possibility of holding a Central Meeting is very remote, so we expect the present state of things will still go on merrily.

Appended is a list of the results affecting the Regiment.

UNLIMITED MATCHES.

			Score.	Prize. Rs.	a.	p.
200 Yards.	Captain Tweedie	...	33	4	8	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Johnstone	...	33	4	0	0
500 Yards.	Cr.-Sgt. Johnstone	...	32	4	0	0
600 Yards.	Sergeant Stobie...	...	33	5	0	0
800 Yards.	Cr.-Sgt. Tyndall	...	34	30	0	0
900 Yards.	Major Vallancey	...	33	5	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Tyndall	..	31	4	0	0
1000 Yards.	Sergeant Stobie ..	...	30	20	0	0
1000 yards.	Cr.-Sgt. Johnstone	...	28	5	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Ewan ..	...	27	4	0	0

Winner of Hyderabad R. A. Silver Medal for highest aggregate of unlimited matches: Sergeant D. W. Stobie, Score 188.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

			Score.	Rs.	a.	p.
200 Yards.	Lce.-Sgt. Dougall	...	34	50	0	0
	Sergeant Stobie ...	...	34	30	0	0
	Private Mowatt...	...	33	10	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Tyndall	...	33	10	0	0
	,, Johnstone	...	33	10	0	0
	,, Ewan ...	...	33	5	0	0
	Lce.-Cpl. Munro	...	32	3	0	0
	Sergeant Scott ...	...	32	3	0	0
500 Yards.	Sergeant Scott ...	...	33	20	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Ewan ...	...	31	5	0	0
	,, Johnstone	...	31	3	0	0

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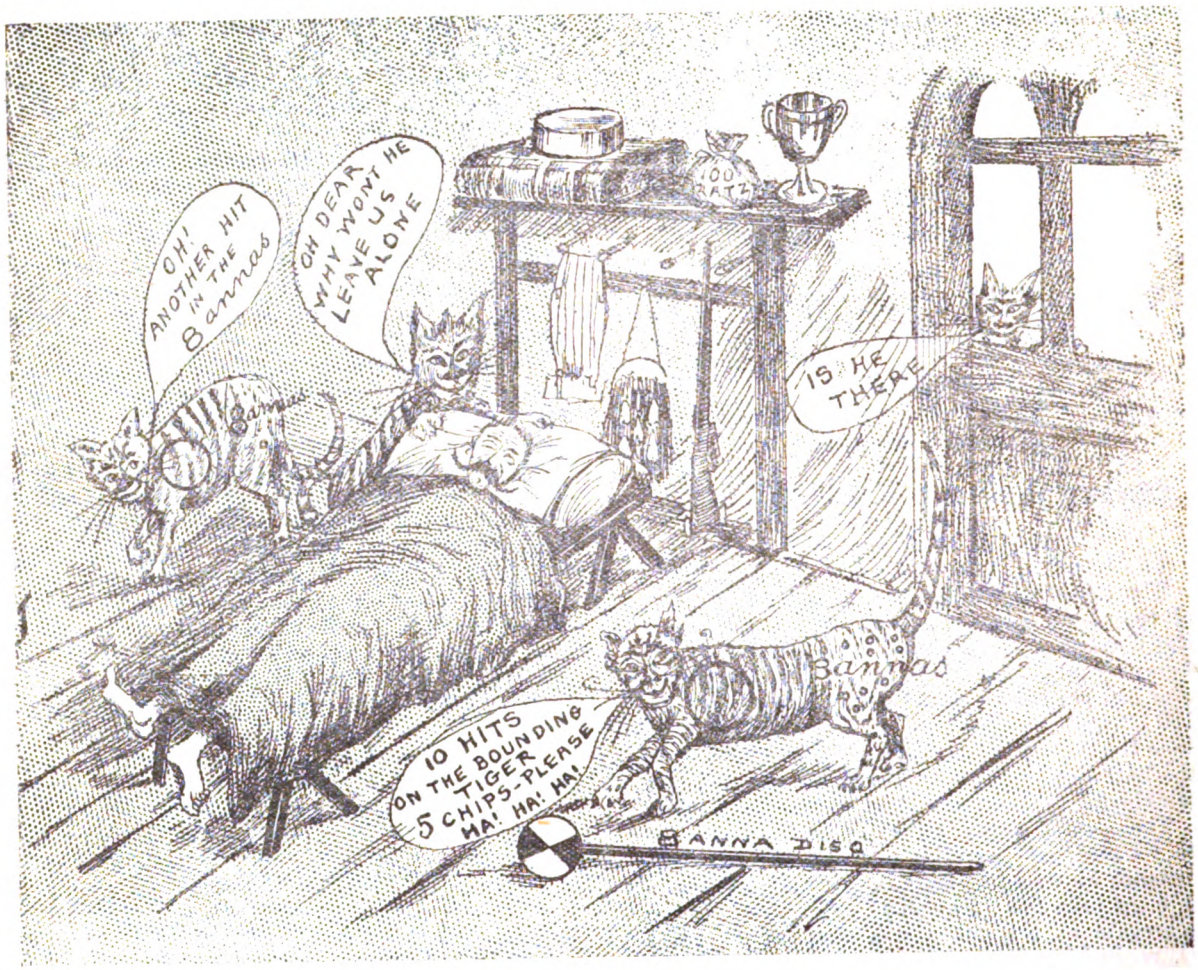
The Dream of the "Shikari."

(Drawn by our Special Artist after the recent Poona Central Rifle Meeting.)


OH! ANOTHER HIT IN THE Bannas
OH DEAR WHY WONT HE LEAVE US ALONE
IS HE THERE
10 HITS ON THE BOUNDING TIGER 5 CHIPS-PLEASE HA! HA! HA!
Bannas
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			Score.	Prize. Rs.	a.	p.
500 Yards.	Sergeant Sim	...	31	3	0	0
	Private Mowatt	...	31	3	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Arnott	...	31	3	0	0
600 Yards.	Private Mowatt	...	34	40	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Johnstone	...	31	5	0	0
	Corpl. Stewart	...	29	3	0	0
	Private Elton	...	29	3	0	0
800 Yards.	Sergeant Sim	...	33	10	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Johnstone	...	31	5	0	0
	,, Ewan	...	31	5	0	0
	Private Hunter	...	41	5	0	0
	,, Gibbons	...	31	5	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Lockie	...	30	3	0	0
	Lce.-Sgt. Dougall	...	30	3	0	0
900 Yards.	Cr.-Sgt. Tyndall	...	33	10	0	0
	Private Clanahan	...	31	5	0	0
	,, Mowatt	...	31	5	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Ewan	...	30	5	0	0
	Sergeant Stobie	...	30	3	0	0
1000 Yards.	Cr.-Sgt. Tyndall	...	34	50	0	0
	Lce.-Cpl. Munro	...	29	5	0	0

			Score.	Prize. Rs.	a.	p.
1000 Yards.	Private Hyslop	..	28	5	0	0
	Sergeant Macdonald	...	27	3	0	0
	Private Elton	..	27	3	0	0
	Cr.-Sgt. Ewan	...	27	3	0	0
600 Yards (21 b).	Private Drain	...	33	30	0	0
	Major Vallancey	...	31	5	0	0
	Sergeant Sim	...	31	5	0	0
	Scott	...	31	5	0	0
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800 Yards (21 b.)	Private Drain	...	33	5	0	0
	Captain Marshall	...	32	3	0	0
	Sergeant Scott	...	32	3	0	0
	Sergeant Sim	..	32	3	0	0
	MISCELLANEOUS MATCHES.					
British Unlimited 500 Yds.	Sgt. Scott		33	22	8	0
British Shikaree.	Pte. Mowatt, 2nd prize		12pts.	36	0	0
Revolver Deliberate.	Cr.-Sgt. Johnstone, 2nd prize	..	51 ,,	14	0	0
Revolver Rapid.	Cr.-Sgt. Johnstone, 2nd prize	.	52 ,,	6	0	0
Celerity and Precision Stakes.	Cr.-Sgt. Lockie, 1st prize		32 ,,	7	8	0

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In the aggregate of matches 16, 17, 18 British Championship, Private Mowatt secured second place, with the score of 33, 31, 34 = 98, the winner having, 33, 33, 33 = 99. both performances being first class.

The Napier Memorial Challenge Shield Match was fired at 200, 500 and 600 yards, but although our team had some good individual scores, they were only able to secure fifth place with 671 points, the winners, 1st B.B. and C.I. Volunteers, having 720 points.

The Seaforth Highlanders were the successful team in the Flank Guard Contest, scoring 70 points, while our team secured fourth place with 56 points. We managed second place in the N.C.O's match at 600 and 900 yards, the scores of the first two teams being 1st. B.B. and C.I. Vols., 230, 93rd Highlanders, 204. Colour Sergeant Tyndall put on the highest individual score in this match, a 34, made up as follows 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 = 34, an excellent performance for 900 yards.

In the Extended Order competition we again managed second place, the Royal Scots securing first, while in the long range competition our team carried off the premier prize advertised as Rs. 100, but afterwards turning out to be a silver cup. The "Skirmishers" saw us occupying only fourth place on the roll, thereby winning a prize of Rs. 7. In the Gillespie Memorial Challenge shield we fared no better, the ubiquitous volunteer again securing the premier prize with our comrades the Seaforths a good second. Coming to the individual prizes again, in addition to Segeant Stobie's medal, Lance Sergeant Dougall also figured among the winners of medals, his aggregate in Matches 16, 17, and 18, 200, 500 and 600 yards securing him the Indian Rifle Association silver medal. Colour Sergeant Tyndall's splendid score of 95 in matches 19, 20 and 21 (800, 900 and 1000 yards) gave him the Bengal Presidency Association Silver Medal, and in the final aggregate of the British Championship matches, Colour Sergeants Johnstone and Tyndall occupied sixth and seventh places respectively with the same score 237, (the winner, Bombardier May, making a score of 241,) and each were awarded the Bombay Presidency Association Bronze Medal. Colour Sergeant Ewan reached twelfth place and Sergeant Sim sixteenth place, each getting a money prize.

In conclusion, the results of this years meeting, taken in comparison with that of the previous year, prove that the Battalion has no reason to feel other than pleased with its endeavours to compete with the pot hunters of the Bombay Command, and should we be fortunate enough to have a team at the next meeting, we have every confidence in their proving what the Ninety Third not so long ago was, in shooting circles, second to none.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT it hears we are gaun tae—
That its no quite shair yet whaur its gaun.
That he turned on the miss flag for a Bulls eye.
That it thocht the manœuvres wir finished.
That "C" Company's pass word is "breath freely."
That its pittin' its money on "Do" company for the Tug o' War.
That he could'na sit a' nicht playing Billiards.
That its gettin' aa "tor garum."
That its kisen is awa hame.
That it hopes he will hae a guid time.
That he wantit the wood tae cook the fire wi'.
That he wantit tae ken if Lieutenant — was a Captain.

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Football

Once again the Inter-Company League is in full swing, and speculation is rife as to which Company will be successful in capturing the "Clock" and badges for the season 1905. Up to the present, opinion seems to be divided between last year's winners and "F" Company, but we must not be too hasty in giving our opinion, considering the glorious uncertainty of football in general and our Regimental tournament in particular.

"A" and "G" Coys. were the first to meet each other, but, as our space is generally rather limited, we can only give a very brief account of the various stages of each particular game.

1st Match.

"G" won the toss, and elected play with the sun and wind behind them. On kicking off "A's" forwards carried the ball well up to "G's" goal, but the backs of the latter Coy. soon asserted themselves and relieved the pressure. About twenty minutes of the game had gone without being productive of anything like brilliant play, when Mackay of "G," capturing the ball about midfield, took it up to "A's" goal in splendid style, and with a well judged shot gave the goalkeeper no chance of scoring.

In the second half the play opened out a bit better, and was therefore more interesting, but "G" soon showed their superiority, and kept "A" continually on the defence. McLachlan had some fine tries, and eventually found the net with a beauty. He was as near as possible offside, which "A" claimed, but we think the referee was quite justified in awarding the point. There being no further scoring, the game ended in a win for "G" by two goals to nil. McMillan of "A" deserves mention for his sterling play as left back, and was undoubtedly the best man in the field. "G's" outside left, Mochan, is a good exponent of the game in that position, and notwithstanding his inclination to be offside, is a promising player.

Teams :—"A"— Thomson, McLeod, Quigley, McMillan, Sobesters, McCourt, Jardine, Bain and McLachlan. "G"—Sinclair, Eite, Noble, McCandley, Lamb, Alexander, Mulholland, McKay, Mochan, and Macaulay. Referee :—Pte. McLean, "E" Coy.

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2ND MATCH.

"B" *versus* "F." This match was pretty one sided, "F" having nearly all the play, with the exceptions of a few spasmodic rushes by "B." Auchinvole scored first goal for "F" from a free kick, one of "B" backs having fouled the ball just outside the penalty area. Half time: "F" 1, "B" 0. In the second half "B" played up a little better, but, try as they would, they could not manage to equalise matters. About ten minutes after the restart, Wright of "F" had a good try for goal, and Faulds, being rather pressed at the time, very nicely conceded a corner. Turnball placed the ball neatly at Feehney's foot, and that player made no mistake about netting it. "F's" third goal was the result of a scrimmage in front of goal, Curran heading it into the net, and the fourth goal was credited to Wright, who, after a very smart run with the ball, beat Faulds with a low well-placed shot. Final Result: "F" 4, "B" 0. For the winners we can hardly dare pick out any particular individuals for mention, as each played a good, sound game, especially the halves. Ballantyne of "B" played in his usual strong style, and but for him, "F's" score would have been much bigger. Shanks also was a useful player.

Teams:—"B." Faulds, Ballantyne, Grey, Shanks, Christison, Laird, Smith, Woods, Mitchell, English and Kiddie. "F." Anderson, Markey, Collins, Hempseed, Duncan, Auchinvole, Cowan, Turnbull, Wright, Curran, and Feehney. Referee:—Pte. Lapsley.

3RD MATCH.

"C" *versus* "E." This was a good hard game, but, as neither side could claim any advantage, it ended in a pointless draw. About five minutes after the start, McIntosh of "E" had hard lines in not putting his side one up, the ball just grazing the upright. Both sides had several good tries for goal, but neither side could pierce the defence, and the game ended as stated above. It is a fact worthy of note that in this game fouls were few and far between, which fact speaks well for both teams. "C" played one man short nearly all the second half, Janets having been forced to retire shortly after the interval. "E" had unfortunately to turn out without the services of McLean, which naturally led to a serious disarrangement of the team. For "C" both backs and Lapsley at centre half played well, while Bridges at back and Montgomery and Elliott as half backs rendered great assistance to "E" Coy.

Teams:—"C"—Donaldson, Carrol, Reid, Kerr, Lapsley, Gibson, Fleming, Janets, McLellan, Duncan and Donaldson.

"E"— Mulien, Bridges, Oribine, Montgomery, Birrell, Elliott, Cameron, Robertson, Campbell, McIntosh andl Robertson. Referee:—Pte. Quinn.

4TH MATCH.

"A" *versus* "H."—Of the four ties played between the "sister" Companies, this was undoubtedly the best. Mowatt won the "toss," but for reasons of his own elected to play against the sun and wind, both of which were particularly strong that evening. Quinn had rather hard lines in not scoring in the opening stages of the game, the ball just striking the lower part of the crossbar and rebounding into play. Four times during the game that player by a good display of his prowess as a "dribbler," had the goal at his mercy, but in each case just missed scoring. The play was extremely fast from start to finish, and each goal in turn looked like falling, but some defender seemed always to turn up just in the nick of time to avert disaster. The whistle at last blew, and as there was no scoring, each side claimed a point. Quinn played a splendid game for "H" Company and was always dangerous, appearing to get away when least expected. Dawson as centre half filled that position in a capable manner, and Miller as left back is a player, who is "not to be sneezed at," his kicking and tackling being especially strong. For "D" Coy., Mowatt, McMaster and Maclay played exceptionally well, the former being, as usual, always in the thick of it.

Teams:—"D" McLaren, Reid, Mowatt, McMaster, Grady, Lieut. Gilmour, Dunne, Pollock, Houston, Maclay and Galbraith.

"H" Daily, Kelly, Miller, Halford, Duncan, Rowe, Dickson, Quinn, Christie, McLuckie and Grant. Referee:—Lapsley.

5TH MATCH.

"A" *versus* "B." These teams were pretty evenly matched, and although "B" captured a couple of points at the expense of "A," we have no doubt that a draw would have been satisfactory to everybody (except "B" themselves of course). The two left backs, Ballantyne and McMillan, had rather a nice time of it all to themselves, and gave the spectators an exhibition of goal to goal returns. We think the spectators were in a way to blame for the downfall of "A's" goal, as Smith sent the ball trundling in from the right, and the spectators being over the line, Thomson was under the impression that the ball was behind, whereas it rolled easily into the net. "A" tried hard to equalize in the second half, but they failed dismally at goal, missing some "dead cert" chances. Final result. "B" 1 1, "A" 0. Smith of "B" played exceptionally well, but he somehow lacked the knack of putting the finishing touch on his individual attempts. Ballantyne always plays his hardest as we all know, and some of his returns looked rather dangerous at times, and might have been converted to as many goals, had his forwards taken advantage of them. Mc Millan of "A" treated us to an exhibition of both back and forward play, while Robertson was the pick of the halves. Referee:—Maclay, "D" Coy.

6TH MATCH.

"C" *versus* "D" The match was looked forward to with much interest, as both teams are composed of well known players, and the spectators were in no wise disappointed. Mowatt again guessed aright the result of the "spin," and this time took advantage of the sun and what little wind there was. In the first half minute Dunne came near to finding the net, the goalkeeper receiving quite a hearty clapping of hands for his brilliant save. Some really good play was witnessed, individual and otherwise, but it was not till four minutes from the interval that "D" managed to find the vital spot, Dunne doing the needful by heading it out of reach of Donaldson. Half time "D" 1—"C" 0. In the second Half "C" made strenuous efforts to equalise and came very near doing so, Fleming just tipping the ball past the post twice in rapid succession. Play towards the close was of an up and down character, each side attacking in turn. The game was stopped for a few minutes, owing to an accident to one of the uprights of "C's" goal, but was eventually resumed on the referee appealing to Capt. McCandlish as to the advisability of continuing the game, the post having been repaired. After a few more minutes' play, the whistle blew, leaving "D" the winners of a very hard game by the narrow margin of one goal. For the winners, D's latest capture played a very good game, perhaps just a little slow at times in grasping opportunities, but withal, one who has a good idea of the duties of a centre forward. Mowatt, Galbraith, and McMaster also played well, the latter putting in some useful work for "D." Fleming showed up very well indeed, and seemed only to be very unlucky in front of goal. Lapsley, Carrol and Reid also played a good defence, the former always being a thorn in the side of D's forwards. For "C" Henderson and Hill replaced Duncan and Janets, whilst there was a slight change also in D's team, Black replacing Lt. Gilmour. Referee, Pte. Quinn.

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7TH MATCH.

"E" *versus* "F." This was also a hard contested game and as in the previous match, was only won by 1 goal to nil. Wright, "F" had a splendid opportunity of scoring immediately after the kick off, but apparantly he made "too sure" and struck the lower part of the crossbar, Mullen catching the ball on the rebound. Play was thus transferred to "F's" territory, "E" Coy. giving them a warm ten minutes, but the forwards missed some splendid chances, shooting wild every time, "F" then had a look in, but, like their opponents, their shooting was erratic, and Mullen had no difficulty in saving. "F" had their chance when Cowan of "E" fouled the ball inside the dreaded penalty area, but Mullen saved in splendid style, for which he was loudly cheered. Two minutes from the interval Wright headed the ball past Mullen, from a scrimmage in front of goal. Half time: "F" 1, "E" 0. "E" started the second half well, but they shot wretchedly—time after time, they missed splendid openings, and they sadly missed Montgomery in the front rank, that player being unable to turn out towards the close of the game, "F" monopolised the play completely, but they failed to add to their score and the game ended in their favour 1—0. For the winners Wright put in some good work and scored the only goal of the match. Auchinvole did his share of the work in his usual masterly style, while the backs played creditably. For "E" Coy. we must not forget to mention their custodian, his saving being executed promptly and in good style. McLean and Elliot also worked very hard for their team, and but for them, "F's" rather smart front line would have given Mullen many anxious moments. Referee, Pte. Lapsley.

8TH MATCH.

"G" *versus* "H." This game was in a manner speaking, rather disappointing, as anything like even ordinary play was not witnessed. Had "H" imparted the same dash and spirit into the game as they did against "D" they would probably have been richer by a point, but we think the absence of Quinn affected them in a marked manner. "G" was minus Noble, his place being taken for the nonce by the veteran Baker. We sometimes wonder why the latter's place in the team is not permanent, as we all know the truth of the old saying "there is many a good tune played on an old fiddle." Fouls in this game were the order of the day and occurred just a little more frequently than was good for the game. Dally had his work cut out for him, and defended his charge in his usual good style. Result—a draw, no scoring. Mochan, Benson and McCandley were the pick of G's team, while Dally, Mullen, Kelly and Bowe were prominent players for "H." Referee, Pte. Lapsley.

9TH MATCH.

"A" *versus* "C." "C" won the choice of sides and chose to defend the coffee-shop goal. No sooner was the ball kicked off than they attacked "A's" goal in force, but for a time they could not score, the backs playing a plucky defence. Two corners fell to "C" in rapid succession, neither of which were productive of a goal. The first goal against "A" was the result of a misunderstanding between the players of that team. They had appealed to the Referee for offside against "C" and some of them had even stopped playing for a moment, when Fleming banged the ball into the net, thereby teaching "A's" players the folly of not continuing the play until the whistle has blown. "A" played up in a determined manner after this reverse, and their anxiety to equalise was so great, that it was nearly the means of downfall of their goal for the second time. Their backs lay so far up that Lapsley, getting possession of the ball, ran it right up to "A's" goal without scarcely any opposition, but finished badly, sending the ball past the post. Yeo scored the second goal for "C" through the goalkeeper's indiscretion, the latter kicking the ball instead of catching it when Yeo was close up to him, the ball rebounding off Yeo into the net. Half time: "C" 2, "A" 0. In the second half "A" tried a rearrangement of their team, the outside left, Jardine, taking McMillan's place as left back and *vice versa*. "A" played up in a plucky manner, and, for the first quarter, well all over. Robertson, "A's" centre half, eventually managed to beat Donaldson with a splendid shot, and scored the first goal of the season for a "A" Coy. Great credit is due to them for playing such a plucky game against such a superior team as "C" undoubtedly is, and we wish them the luck to have many more goals to their credit. Final Result, "C" 2—"A" 1. Lapsley and Gibson were the pick of "C's" team, the former always promptly breaking up what little combination was attempted by "A's" forwards. McMullen and Jardine were the players for "A" Coy. Referee:—Maclay.

10TH MATCH.

"B" *versus* "D." This was really one of the best games that have as yet been played, and the play? just such as suited the tastes of the spectators—fast, furious and plenty of excitement. McKenzie of "B" was placed *hors-de-combat* in the first minute of the game, but, as "D" allowed another man to take his place, a substitute was found in Clink. That player was unfortunately forced to retire after only a minutes play, he having also met with an accident to his leg. "D" early asserted themselves and attacked "B's" goal as soon as the ball was kicked off, and from a well placed try by Dunne, Galbraith notched number one for "D." Five minutes of the game had gone when Galbraith also met with an accident to his ankle, and was forced to retire throughout the remainder of the game. Accidents in this game seemed to be quite fashionable, as two minutes later Shanks, of "B," collided with another player, and it was not till the restart that he resumed his place in the team. "D's" second goal fell to Houston, that player heading through a half cross from Dunne. The latter had some very good tries at goal, twice in rapid succession banging the ball against George, "B's" goalkeeper. The 1st half had nearly gone when "D" was awarded a penalty kick, but Maclay failed to convert it, the ball striking the upright and rebounding into play. "B" forwards then got away with a run, and McMahon shot in splendidly, the ball glancing off Reid's chest into the net. Half time "D" 2—"B" 1. "B" played for all they were worth in the second part of the game and gave "D's" defenders many anxious moments. It is wonderful to what efforts a little encouragement from the spectators will urge a team, but nevertheless it is true as was proved by "B's" play that afternoon. Smith had some splendid runs, but always finished badly, his shots lacking the necessary sting. In the closing stages of the game, McMahon all but equalised, McLaren running out to save a shot from that player, and missing it. Reid had luckily dropped into goal at that moment, and "D's" supporters heaved a sigh of relief as he placed the ball out of danger. Just before the whistle blew for the last time "D" had another turn at attacking, and Dunne put his side another point up. Final result, "D" 3—"B" 1. In Mowatt and Reid, "D" have two backs on whom they can always depend, and McMaster seems to be regaining some of his old form. Ballantyne, McMahon and Christison were the pick of "B's" team, the latter playing a good sound game at half. Referee:—Pte. Auchinvole.

Notes on the League.

As will be seen by the appended League Table, "A" troop is still pointless, but we trust this will in no wise discourage them. Up to the present they have suffered defeat in every match, and we give them credit for

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the sportsmanlike manner in which they turned out, and played a plucky up-hill game. "H" Coy. have up to the present sailed clear of a defeat, and the team is a decided improvement on last year. They also hold the unique record of having no goals scored against them, and we only hope "knunck" may continue to keep his charge in tact "E" is still goalless, and will have to introduce some drastic changes into their forward line, if they mean to do anything in the way of goal getting. We are sorry to see that Montgomery is unable to take his place in the team, as with him in the front rank, "E" would be indeed a hard nut to crack, as their defence ranks with the best in the regiment. In football circles at home, we believe the cry is, "keep your eye on Paisley," and we would strongly advise our own small circle to keep their eye on "F" troop, as by their energetic play and ability to capture goals, we have an inkling that they have a covetous eye on "D's" storeroom. "G's" points up to date are fairly representative of the strength of their team, but they have been hardly tought for, and they will have to travel fast if they wish to have a place in the first four teams. "C" is going pretty strong at present, and has a fairly good chance of keeping in the running, that is provided they hang together and don't smash up as in last year's tournament. Last years Clock-holders, we see, are at the top of the tree, but as they are a match in advance of "F," next month's Table may have an entirely different tale to tell. However they are doing great things at present, and should Galbraith recuperate and take his place, their chances of holding out against all comers are pretty rosy. "B" have had a win to their credit, but, if they want to finish anything well they will have to aim at higher game than beating the bottom lot. They have been rather unfortunate as regards accidents, and have not too many players to fall back on, and we wish them better luck as the league opens out a bit.

League Table for month ending 28th February.

Coy.	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
D	4	3	1	0	6	1	7
F	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
C	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
H	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
G	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
B	4	1	0	3	3	10	2
E	3	0	1	2	0	2	1
A	4	0	0	4	1	7	0

Ninety-Third Calendar for April, 1905.

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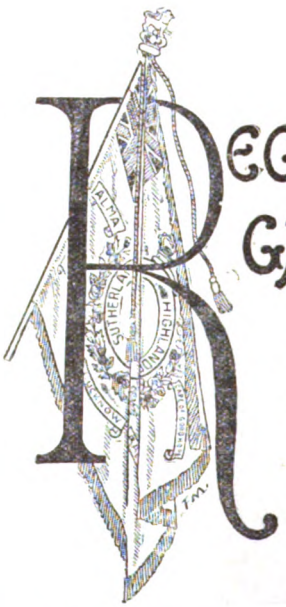
1 S On War Establishment: Russian War Scare, 1878.
2 S
3 M. Emb. W. Indies on board "*Orestes*" and "*Marquis of Huntly*" for England, 1834.
4 Tu. Arrvd. Portsmouth from Gibraltar on board "*Egypt*," 1881; to Aldershot. Head Quarters left Bareilly for Chaubattia, 1898.
5 W. Stirling to Edinburgh, 1850. Depot of 56th Brigade (92nd and 93rd) formed at Aberdeen.
6 Th. Left Malta for Galipoli, 1854. Left Galipoli for Crimea, Troopship "*Kangaroo*" 1854. Joined General Walpole's Force for campaign in Rohilkhund, 1858.
7 F. Furlough draft arrived, Nowshera, 1896.
8 S.
9 S Head-Quarters arrived at Chaubattia, 1898.
10 M. 2nd Battalion arrived at Gravesend, 1841. Annual Highland games, Nowshera, 1896. Physical Drill Shield won by "H" Company.
11 Tu. Arrvd. Galpoli from Malta, 1854.
12 W. Tug-of-War Shield won by "D" Company, Nowshera, 1896.
13 Th.
14 F.
15 S. Edinburgh to Glasgow, 1851.
16 S Bri.-Genl. Adrian Hope *k.* Royah, 1858.
17 M.
18 Tu. "E" Company, winners of Football League, Nowshera, 1896. Inspection by Bri.-Genl. St. John Michell Fancourt, Ranikhet, 1900.
19 W.
20 Th.
21 F.
22 S.
23 S 2nd Battalion under Maj. William Wemyss emb. Gosport, Troopships "*William Heathcote*" and "*Mariner*" for Newfoundland, 1814.
24 M.
25 Tu. Cape of Good Hope for England, Troopships "*Baring*," "*Preston*" and "*Norfolk*," 1814. 453 1st class A.R., joined (200 transferred to 91st) Russian War Scare, 1879.
26 W.
27 Th. Lootwallah Scare, Nowshera, 1897.
28 F.
29 S.
30 S Arrived Shahjahanpur with Rohilkund Force, 1858.



EXTRACT FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, DATED 7TH FEBRUARY, 1905.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland) Highlanders.

Second Lieutenant C. P. James to be Lieutenant, vice S. Langton deceased, dated 20th September, 1904.

EXTRACT FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE DATED 27TH JANUARY, 1905.

The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment).

Sergeant E. G. Harvey, from Princes Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland) Highlanders, to be Second Lieutenant, dated 28th January, 1905.

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PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals:—

No. 7177 Lce. Cpl. W. Reid "D" Coy. } dated 16th
„ 7414 „ A. McLaren "D" Coy. } Feb. 1905.
„ 7611 „ R. S. Gunn "A" Coy. dated 11th February, 1905.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be 1st Class Sergeant Instructor of 1st Bengal-Nagpur Railway Volunteers.

No. 6603, Sergeant S. W. Hayward, U. L.

To be Pay Sergeant of "C" Company.

No. 5180 Sergeant W. Cockburn, "G" Coy. dated 24th February, 1905.

To be provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 4949 Private J. Chalmers "E" Coy. } dated 1st
„ 8284 „ G. McIntosh, "E" „ } Feb. 1905.
„ 8357 „ D. Forrest "A" „ dated 13th February, 1905.

To be provisional Lance Corporal during Gymnastic course.

No. 5936 Private J. McNiff, "H" Coy.

To be provisional Lance Corporal while employed as 3rd Class Volunteer Instructor.

No. 5675 Private J. Scobie, "G" Company.

To be Drummers.

No. 9596 Boy J. M. Doran "G" Coy. } Dated 14th
„ 9302 „ V. R. Campbell "B" Coy. } Feb. 1905.

To be Pipers.

No. 9054 Boy H. McLachlan "D" Coy. 11th Feb. 1905.

To be Bandsmen.

No. 9354 Boy G. McLellan "C" Coy. dated 27th January, 1905.

No. 9362 Boy W. Blythe, "E" Coy. dated 1st February, 1905.

No. 9538 Boy E. Brazier "H" Coy. dated 20th February, 1905.

To be Pioneers.

No. 7774 Private M. Burns "B" Company.
„ 7434 „ F. Bunton "E" „
„ 5636 „ A. McIntyre "H" „
„ 7598 „ J. Duncan "F" „

To be Acting Pipers.

No. 7557 Private C. Stead "G" Coy., dated 27th February, 1905.

No. 8016 Private J. Stewart "G" Coy., dated 10th February, 1905.

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Granted and Restored.

Class I., at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 7423 Pte. F. Bartlett. | No. 5171 Pte. J. Coutts.

"B" Company.

No. 7425 Pte. H. Smith. | No. 7436 Pte. A. Faulds.
„ 7422 Lce. Cpl. R. Swan. | „ 7378 Pte. M. Laird.
No. 6958 Pte. A. Leitch.

"C" Company.

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„ 7202 „ D. Irvine. | „ 7392 „ G. Hay.
No. 7170 Private A. McDonald.

"D" Company.

No. 7432 Pte. A. Miller. | No. 7414 L-C A. McLaren.
„ 7416 „ P. Monaghan. | „ 7412 Pte. W. Smith.
„ 5279 „ F. W. Pollok. | „ 7417 „ W. Gillan.
„ 7382 „ J. McWilliams. | „ 7438 Lce. Cpl. J. W. Galbraith.

"E" Company.

No. 7434 Pioneer F. Bunton. | No. 7222 Pte. W. McDonald
No. 7393 Pte. P. Fraser.

"F" Company.

No. 6549 Pte. P. Kavanagh | No. 7423 Pte. Cowan.
No. 6259 Pte. A. Auchinvole.

"G" Company.

No. 6806 Private P. Tate.

"H" Company.

No. 6804 Pte. A. McLachlan. | No. 6344 Pte. F. Eskew.

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"G" Company.

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"H" Company.

No. 5409 Private J. Wilson.

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„ 4782 Lance Corporal A. Gray, "H" Company.

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No. 5373 Pte. T. May.

"B" Company.

No. 7422 Lce. Cpl. R. Swan. | No. 6333 Pte. R. Donachy.
„ 7419 Pte. W. Smith | „ 7423 „ H. Smith.
7436 Private A. Faulds.

"C" Company.

No. 7392 Private G. Hay.

"D" Company.

No. 7438 Lance Corporal J. W. Galbraith.

"E" Company.

No. 7222 Pte. W. McDonald | No. 6163 Pte. J. Matchet.

"F" Company.

No. 7423 Private J. Cowan.

"G" Company.

No. 7402 Private G. Paterson.

"H" Company.

No. 6110 Private W. Stevens.

Granted One Good Conduct Badge.

"A" Company.

No. 9116 Pte. W. Beattie | No. 7827 Pte. J. Beattie.
„ 6207 „ J. Prain | „ 9090 Bdsmn. A. Petrie.

"B" Company.

No. 9056 Private T. Mitchell.

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No. 9123 Pte. W. Martin | No. 9091 Pte. J. Main.
,, 5659 ,, H. Darwood | ,, 7874 ,, J. Caldwell.

"D" Company.

No. 9146 Pte. J. Roberts | No. 7689 Pte. J. Clark.

"E" Company.

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No. 8230 Pte. D. McFee | No. 8936 Pte. J. Richard.

"G" Company.

No. 9105 Pte. J. Cameron.

"H" Company.

No. 9071 Pte. A. Wallace | No. 9125 Pte. W. Penny.

CERTIFICATES.

Awarded First Class Certificates of Education, dated 27th September, 1904.

No. 7438 Lance Corporal J. W. Galbraith "D" Coy.
,, 7950 ,, H. Hutchison "D" Coy.

Passed Second Group. First Class Certificate of Education.

No. 4069	Sergeant	J. Edgar	"H" Company.
,, 5944	Private	D. Hally	"H" ,,
,, 6449	Bandsman	W. Yeo	"G" ,,
,, 6832	Private	D. Fraser	"F" ,,
,, 9090	Bandsman	A. Petrie	"A" ,,

Passed Professional Examination.

For Promotion to Sergeant.

No. 5291 Lce. Sgt. R. Tawse | No. 6032 Cpl. J. Youngson
,, 6461 Cpl. G. Shanks | ,, 5408 ,, A. Ewing.
,, 5868 ,, J. Gilmour | ,, 5618 ,, A. McMaster.

For Promotion to Corporal.

No. 8291 L-C. G. Erskine | No. 6053 L-C G. Kay.
,, 6535 ,, T.R. Cridland | ,, 7422 ,, R. Swan.
,, 5297 ,, W. Kirkland | ,, 7950 ,, J. Hutchinson.

Awarded a Guard's Certificate of Competency, by the G.I.P. Railway Company.

No. 7589 Private G. Hunter, "G" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Re-engaged to complete 12 years' service.
No. 4879 Private R. Baillie "D" Company.

Extended to complete 12 years' service.

No. 6202	Sergeant	J. McInnes	"B" Company.
,, 6182	Lce. Sgt.	A. Watt	"B" ,,
,, 6107	Private	W. Grant	"H" ,,
,, 5990	,,	J. Bridges	"H" ,,
,, 6078	,,	T. Peacock	"H" ,,

Extended to complete 8 years' service.

No. 9616 Private W. Beattie, "A" Company.

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company.
No. 5357 Sergeant J. Stewart, "H" Coy. to "C" Coy., 1-2-05.

Transferred to 29th Battery, R.F.A.
No. 5990 Private J. Bridges, "H" Company, 1-2-05.

ALLOTTED REGIMENTAL NUMBERS.

No. 9630 is allotted to Private H. Palmer, "H" Coy.
,, 9616 is allotted to Private W. Beattie, "A" ,,

FORFEITED SERVICE RESTORED.

In accordance with Para. 1842, K.R.

No. 7212 Private W. Fraser, "B" Company.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH OF MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT.

Margaret Beverly Stirling, wife of No. 5715 Sergeant J. G. Ferrier, "D" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

The undermentioned details sailed for England in H.T. Assaye on 17th February, 1905, are struck off the strength of the Battalion.

For discharge :—No. 4706 Private G. Bain, "E" Coy.
,, 4704 ,, J. Smith, "D" ,,
,, 4639 ,, J. Dunlop, "B" ,,

For transfer to Army Reserve :—

No. 6052	Pte.	Lce.-Corpl. G. Kay, "F" Coy.	No. 6057	Private	P. Wilkie, "H" Coy.
,, 6070	Lce.-Corpl.	J. Seton, "G" Coy.	,, 6072	,,	R. Jamieson, "F" Coy.
,, 6074	Private	M. Anderson, "G" Coy.	,, 6080	,,	J. Kerr, "F" Coy.
,, 6089	,,	D. Deans, "E" Coy.	,, 6101	,,	W. Stevens, "H" Coy.
,, 6122	,,	W. Jack, "F" Coy.	,, 6104	,,	W. Wilson, "H" Coy.
,, 6124	,,	R. Silcock, "G" Coy.	,, 6160	,,	L. McCarthy, "E" Coy.
,, 6179	,,	J. Davidson, "F" Coy.	,, 6201	,,	M. Jamieson, "F" Coy.
,, 6181	,,	J. Smith, "H" Coy.	,, 6201	,,	J. Moore, "F" Coy.
,, 6162	,,	J. McLaughlin, "K" Coy.	,, 5936	,,	J. McNiff, "H" Coy.

Invalids :—

No. 6174	Pte.	J. Louden, "F" Coy.	No. 6021	Pte.	J. Brown, "F" Coy
,, 7443	,,	J. Regan, "A" ,,	,, 7616	,,	J. M. Cluskey, "D" ,,
,, 7756	,,	H. McKellar, "A" ,,	,, 8077	L-C.	D. Finlayson, "D" ,,

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Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

GLASFURD.—At Poona, on the 27th February, 1905, the wife of Captain D. J. Glasfurd, Ninety-Third Highlanders, of a son.

DEATH.

ARMSTRONG.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 28th February 1905, No. 7067, Private W. Armstrong, "B" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

MARRIAGE.

STIRLING—FERRIER.—At Saint Andrew's, Bombay, on the 21st February 1905, the Reverend John Cameron officiating, Margaret Beverly Stirling, St. Andrews, Fife, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Stirling, Forfar, to Sergeant James Gordon Ferrier, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

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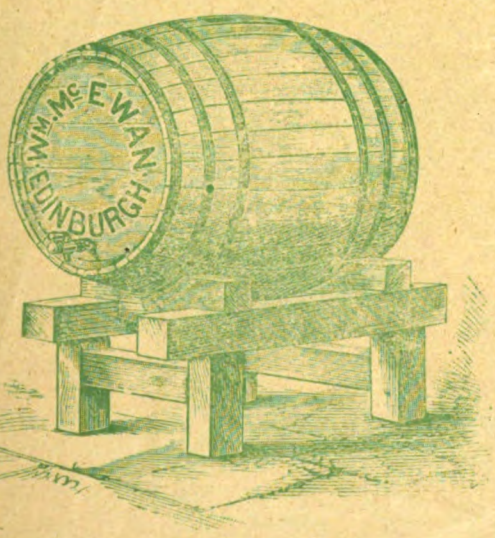

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SKIRLS

The month gone past has had many interesting events for us to look back upon, not the least outstanding of these being the issue of the new Short Lee-Enfield Rifle to the Regiment, the Annual Regimental Games, the arrival of a draft, and three days manœuvres.

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The cold season having now drawn to a close, the days are noticeably longer and much warmer. The vagaries of the thermometer, however, would fill a column almost, as, while on one day the mercury rises over 100, the next it can only struggle over 80, and during the early hours of the morning drops down to the region of 60. The wearing of serge clothing has been stopped for the nonce, the ubiquitous khaki being substituted in its stead.

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We regret to record the passing away of Private Armstrong, of "B" Company, which sad event occurred at the Station Hospital on 28th February: the funeral, under Captain Tweedie, taking place the following day. His sorrowing relatives are assured of the sympathy of deceased's comrades in their bereavement.

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On the return of Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., from leave, he resumed the command of "G" Company from Captain D. J. Glasfurd, the latter taking over "E" Company from Lieutenant L. G. Fenzi. Major Mackenzie, just before embarking for India, attend the funeral of the late Colonel Middleton, and on behalf of the Ninety-Third placed a wreath on the coffin.

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The Miniature Range has now been placed in a thoroughly satisfactory condition, and each day sees a Company utilizing it to accustom the men to the new weapon. Several inter-company and other challenges have been reported and we shall be pleased to have, and record, a note of the results of any matches.

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The name of Second-Lieutenant W. J. Cunninghame has appeared in Divisional orders as having passed in subjects (*a*) and (*b*) for promotion.

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An order has been issued that all Non-commissioned Officers and men in possession of Gymnastic Certificates will attend the Central Gymnasium for one hour's practice every week.

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The much talked of, and frequently condemned short Lee-Enfield Rifle has at last been issued to us, the Regiment being among the first to receive it, a circumstance worth taking note of. It appears to be a thoroughly serviceable weapon, and well adapted for accurate shooting, the windguage and fine adjustment being quite as good as a Vernier. While so many "critics" are utilising their time writing scathing remarks on the accuracy, etc., etc., of the weapon, we modestly refrain from giving our opinion, but until experience proves the published "figure of merit" to be right or wrong, we are willing to accept the new "banduk" as a distinct improvement on the old.

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Lieutenant Forbes and his party have returned from their course of Mounted Infantry Training at the Wanowrie School, and another party consisting of twenty Non-commissioned Officers and men under Second-Lieutenant H. B. Hartley, have departed for a ten days "refreshing course."

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Lieutenant A. E. Kennedy has rejoined from leave, and Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean, has departed on two months general leave, proceeding, we believe, to Burmah.

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The draft, numbering sixty Non-commissioned Officers and men, under Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., duly arrived on the 15th March. They were met on the road from the Station by the Band and Drums and Pipes and played into barracks, where, after being told off to their respective companies, were marched to the R.A.T.A. where a good breakfast of ham and eggs, etc., awaited them, and was amply done justice to. Except for one or two old "tars," the draft appears one of young soldiers both in age and service, and since their arrival "spring" drills have been the order of the day for them.

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A very amusing parade took place at the orderly room the other day, when not only all the cyclists of the Battalion, but all the dogs on the Provost Sergeant's Register were paraded for inspection. There were big dogs, small dogs, white dogs, black dogs, and in short dogs of every known description, and some too, of unknown description. Some rather laughable instances occurred where it was found that several animals had apparently changed their sex since being first registered, the explanation being that the owners had not thought it necessary to state definitely the sex of the "friend of man" on registering originally

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The Musketry season 1904-05, so far as target practice is concerned, has ended with the last party of Casuals just completed. Probably we shall not have an opportunity of testing the new rifle until the commencement of the year 1905-06, as the range, having been constantly in use for the past twelve months, is badly in need of repair. In our next issue we hope to give a resume of the shooting of the different companies, with the best scores made in the Annual Course.

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Captain J. B. Gillatt, who has gone on leave for a few weeks, will not join the Ninety-First on promotion, his appointment to the Madras Volunteer Guards as Adjutant having been notified. During his absence Lieutenant R. R. Forbes will take over the command and pay of "C" Company.

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Lieutenant G. A. Akers-Douglas, who joined the Staff of His Excellency, Lord Curzon, on returning from leave at home, has at last been seconded, notification appearing in a recent Gazette. While in Calcutta he has appeared in a good many Cricket matches, and his play has all through been of exceptional brilliancy.

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Our four representatives who journeyed to Calcutta to compete in the Presidency Sports, have returned with several prizes to their credit. Lance Corporal Kean secured a good second place in the 600 yards Army Championship, while in the 1000 yards and one mile Championship Piper Wright finished third and second respectively. In the three miles British Army Cycle Championship, Private Grey secured the second place.

The Challenge shield presented by Sir George White for the Championship, was won by the Black Watch, the 2nd Royal Scots taking second place. The meeting we believe was remarkable for the number of entrants and the closeness of the finishes.

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The annual Regimental Games, a detailed account of which appears on another page, proved very successful and enjoyable, and attracted a large attendance, particularly on the concluding day. Both Officers and Sergeants were "At Home" to their visitors throughout the meeting.

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The natives in and around barracks have been having a right royal time during the past month, the periodical outburst and consequent absence from work being accounted for by the "Holi" days and festivals held at this time. Their "junketings" at night and the concluding scene on the Sunguam River attracted a good number of the troops.

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Schoolmistress Mrs. Brooke having been granted leave on Medical Certificate, Miss Doran has

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been appointed to the charge of the School during her absence.

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In a letter dated at Aden, received from our late Manager, we regret to learn of the death of the infant daughter of Colour Sergeant Johnstone. The sad event occurred when the Ship was only two days out from Bombay, and many expressions of sympathy have been voiced for Colour Sergeant Johnstone.

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Rather an energetic five minutes was experienced by the Battalion on the morning of 11th March. At 3-55 a.m. the Fire alarm sounded and in a few minutes "D" Company, the fire picquet, were under arms, while "E" Company, being in charge of the engine, doubled off and stood by it until the whereabouts of the fire was ascertained. The remainder of the companies quickly assembled and made for the square, Colonel Paterson and the Adjutant arriving almost simultaneously. After a few minutes waiting, the news was received that the outbreak was near the Connaught Market, and the two duty companies proceeded at the trot to the scene of the conflagration, only to find that our numerical superiors, the 94th Russells Infantry, were there before us with the Garrison Engine, and had the fire under control. Fortunately no wind was blowing and as there appeared no danger of the fire spreading, our two companies returned to barracks, arriving there at 5-40 a.m.

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A correspondent has favoured us with an account of the wedding of Colour Sergeant Brash, while on furlough, and from which it appears that the ceremony was a highly interesting one, being of a semi-military nature. The minister who tied the knot is the Chaplain to the Renfrew and Dunbarton R.G. Artillery and quite a number of Volunteer and other friends were present, among them being Sergeant Major Peter McDonald, who proposed the bridegroom's health. The bride and bridesmaids' bouquets were intermingled with ribbon of Sutherland Tartan.

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As usual, at this particular period of the year, many varied rumours are prevalent regarding the next move of the Battalion. One man assures us confidently that we are for Peshawar, another has definite information that we are bound for Karachi, while yet another has it from high authority that the place we are going to is Bombay. Of the places named any of the two latter would be acceptable to most of us, but a few days more and our minds will be at rest, probably in Poona for another twelve months.

Our Ghorpuri friends, the 2nd East Lancashire Regiment, held a rather successful dance in connection with the Royal Army Temperance Association on 15th March. There was a good turn out from ours, and all voted the gathering a very enjoyable one.

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"G" and "F" Companies have been detailed to form part of the moveable column for the ensuing months.

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Evidently a matrimonial wave has struck this Battalion, no less than eight couples having settled down to run in double harness since the beginning of the trooping season. Five additional couples have also joined us from the home Battalion, and should the increase continue at the same rate, another bungalow will be required to be looked out for.

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With this number we conclude Volume X., and for the benefit of subscribers who intend having their copies bound, present, as an additional supplement, an index to the contents. In drawing attention to the notice regarding bound volumes which appears among our advertisements, we take the liberty of pointing out that the present of a bound volume will always afford great pleasure to any old Ninety-Third man. As a good many of the old soldiers of the Battalion have gone home during the past trooping season, and are now out of touch with their former comrades, we feel sure that a volume of the "Thin Yin" received by them from an old chum would be highly prized.

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Rather a good story is told of one of the "Invaders" draft. After the troopship had left Suez, he was brought up as a prisoner before the Ship's Commandant, charged with the rather curious crime of "Drunk and absent in the Red Sea." Where he had been during the period of absence is not recorded, but the punishment inflicted speaks for itself. "Forfeits one day's pay, fined ten shillings, and three days confined to ship."

Unless he was the champion long distance swimmer I don't think the last part of the punishment would be violated.

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We much regret that we are unable to present the usual Photo-Supplement with this number. This is due to the unfortunate circumstance that we are unable to get the illustrations prepared in Poona except by the kindness of the Government Photo-Zinco Department, and, as on account of exceptional pressure of work, they are unable to oblige us at present, we are endeavouring to make the necessary arrangements with a first class firm in Bombay whereby the production of a monthly supplement will be assured in future.

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A recent mail brought us the sad news of the death, at Glasgow, on 7th March 1905, of Drum-Major Duff, 4th Scottish Rifles and formerly Drum-Major of the Ninety-Third Highlanders. The deceased veteran, who is the father of our present Drum-Major, joined the Ninety-Third at Aberdeen in 1860 at the rather early age of 15 years. Two years later he landed in India, and in 1863 took part in the North Western Frontier Campaign, for which he received the Medal and Clasp "Umbeyla." Early in 1868 he was appointed Drum-Major to the Ninety-Third and in 1885 was awarded the Silver Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He left the Regiment in 1891, taking his discharge at Aldershot, and a month later he joined the 4th Battalion of the Scottish Rifles. At the time of his discharge Drum-Major Duff was the Senior Drum-Major of the British Army. A contingent of Sergeants from Stirling Castle represented the Regiment at the funeral which took place at Glasgow.

In Memory of "Wl. F. S."

The bugles call my comrades out,
But my marching days are o'er;
I must bid farewell to the old Argylls,
And the land I shall see no more.

I am dreaming of dear old Scotland,
And my happy boyhood days;
I hear the murmuring song of the Jed,
And the distant Cheviot braes.

They will grieve for me in the dear old home,
Where the linties sing in the glen,
For I left them in hope of a safe return
When I marched with the kilted men.

I dream that I hold my mother's hand,
While my father strokes my hair;
I fancy I see my sisters so dear,
For my heart is with them there.

They will lay me down 'neath the Southern Cross,
Under the African sun;
But my soul may roam to my far off home
Before this day is done.

But I have committed its care unto Him,
Who is able and willing to keep:
And I meet those I love in the mansions above,
After my last long sleep.

My comrades will play "The Land o' the Leal,"
When they lay me at eve to sleep;
But I'll meet you all at the Great Roll Call,
And I wish you the tryst to keep.

LONGMORE HOSPITAL. M. S.

The Sasvad Operations.

It came rather as a surprize to a good many to find that, yet again, the bivouac poles and sporran top covers had to be drawn and bundles packed preparatory to another three days in the field. The scene of operations on this occasion was Sasvad Road, our Camping ground being situated six miles (by road) from Barracks, alongside the embankment of the Southern Mahratta Railway. Sunday, 5th March, was the day chosen for our marching out, and parading at 4 p.m. over 500 strong, two hours march brought us to our quarters for the night. Tea having been prepared by our cooks, who went on in advance of us, we thoroughly enjoyed the partaking of it, and thereafter quickly got our bivouacs rigged up, and after two or three hours leisure about camp, the most of us were sleeping the sleep of tired Highlanders. It might be as well to explain that, as the operations were to consist of "tactical fitness" examinations, all were looking forward to heavy field days, and as we found ultimately some of us were not disappointed. Five o'clock on Monday morning saw the Camp again astir, and by six, breakfast was finished and the Battalion, under Captain Marshall, lined up on parade. Marching to the rendezvous a few hundred yards up the railway, we were quickly joined by a detachment of the 33rd Queen's Own Cavalry and the 121st Pioneers. About 8 a.m. we moved out in battle array, and fought our way, under varying conditions, across the broken country between the Railway Station and Gibbet Hill. It seems a pity that some of the magnificent displays of bravery under heavy fire which occurred that day should go unrecorded, but unfortunately our special "War" correspondent was too busy taking cover under a bridge to witness more than one, so in fairness to the remainder of the combatants he had to let it pass. However, those who went furthest had furthest to walk back, and the cease fire sounding shortly before eleven concluded the day's operations, whereupon we marched back to Camp, arriving in time for dinner. This over, the troops mostly anchored down under their bivouacs or in the shade of the bushes which surrounded the Camp. Rather a strange fact falls to be written regarding the said bushes. Quite a number of men, on complaining about swollen faces and hands, found that the cause of their misadventures was the sap which exuded from the bush on being broken. The experience thus gained quickly told, and everyone was more careful afterwards in dealing with this disagreeable specimen of plant life.

On Tuesday morning Reveille sounded half an hour later, and by 6-30 we were on our way

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to the same rendezvous as on the day previous. After a long wait, we shifted our base up the railway and, under cover of artillery fire, pushed forward and seized a position on the nearest ridge commanding the approach to it. The enemy, the East Lancs. and detachments of the 33rd Cavalry, then attacked our position, and kept our leading companies busy until the cease fire sounded at 10-50 a.m. A short march brought us back to our camping ground, and the remainder of the day was leisurely passed. Wednesday morning saw us up and moving shortly after five o'clock, and the baggage was soon packed and everything ready for the road. Our rendezvous on this occasion was a good bit further down the railway, and arriving there we were joined by a Battalion of Native Infantry, a Squadron of Cavalry, and the Mounted Infantry, the latter including our detachments who were being trained at the Wanowrie School. "E" Company provided the escort for the guns, and protected by the artillery fire the Battalion attempted to fight its way into Barracks. Apparently this was successfully carried out, the "cease fire" sounding shortly after eleven, and forming up, we marched into barracks, thus concluding, as events have since proved, the manœuvre season for yet another term.

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Football.

BAND V. MOUNTED INFANTRY.

On Monday evening, 6th March, the "Band" played a friendly game, their opponents being the Mounted Infantry Class. Winning the toss, the "Band" elected to to play with the sun and wind in their favour, and rushing the ball down the field, placing the goal of the M.I. in danger, only to be cleared to the wings. Lack of combination among the forwards of the M.I. gave the Band the major portion of the play in the first half and they appeared to be on the point of scoring several times, but Horne in goal proved a safe custodian, clearing cleverly on each occasion. The Band, not to be denied, kept up the attack, and Slattery by a miss kick conceded a corner to the Band, who in taking the kick placed it behind. The M.I. now made a spirited attack but could not penetrate the goal of the Band, and shortly after the whistle blew half time, with no score.

On resuming, it was thought the M. I. with the wind now in their favour, would break through and open the scoring, but the full backs of the Band proved too safe. However, the M.I. were playing a better combination game at this period and several times the goal of the Band was in danger. The wind dropping a little at the time, the Band pulling themselves together, raced up the field and by a clever piece of passing among the forward line Quinn obtained possession and passing nicely to his inside right man, the latter getting through the backs of the M.I. which gave him a clear shot at goal within six yards of the goal mouth, but Horne was on the spot and gathering the ball up cleared away to safety again. From this to the finish the game was very evenly contested and with the game in midfield, time was called, the result being a pointless draw.

For the "Band" team, Quinn at Centre played an excellent game, also the backs and half backs, their defence being good.

For the M.I. both backs and the goal-keeper were the pick of the team, their second defence preventing the Band forwards scoring.

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An Idyll of Ancient Footballl.

(The following manuscript was received here in an envelope bearing the postmark of an English village not fifty miles from Portsmouth. It apparently refers to a football match, but in order that our readers may judge for themselves we publish it verbatim.)

So, it came to pass in the year one thousand nine hundred and four there dwelt in the land of Long Moor, a rude and uncivilised race. Now these people were barbarians who dwelt in tin huts, and their main article of apparel was a strange abbreviated garment of varied hue, and for many moons they roamed the country with mighty men of valour marching in front and bearing in their arms a weird instrument of torture, which when played upon sent forth shrieks and sounds like unto the damned.

And the Government of this race was tribal, each tribe under its own chief, and the mighty Chief was Cluny of E Tribe for he was Referee-in-Chief to the race. Now these tribes said one to another, "Go to, let us remember the land of our Nativity and play ye ancient game of Footeball."

So they appointed a day and many were gathered together in a large field which was kept for that purpose behind their dwellings, but lo it came to pass that the ruler of the game appeared not, for behold he was on pass ; and so there was much squabbling to appoint a referee, and one named Charlie, who was wise in his own conceit, spake unto them saying, "Why chaw ye the fat with one another? Verily I will referee an' it pleasith thee." And so they unwillingly accepted him, for he was but a petty chief, yea, even so was he. And behold the game commenced and the players fought with one another until the field was like unto a field of battle, and the blood was shed like water and he who was called Charlie blew mightily on his whistle of office to stop the game, but the multitude howled exceeding and the players murmured amongst themselves, saying "Who is this man that we should obey him?" and they heeded him not, but continued the fight. Then they were exceeding wroth with one another and great was the argument thereof amongst the multitude of other tribes assembled to witness the game.

NOTE :— Then the ancient historian seems to have broken into "poetry" for the story is cont inued thus:—

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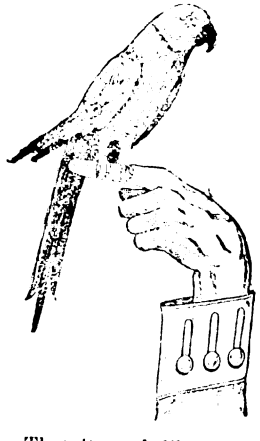
Hark ! I hear the people calling
"Who's that doing Referee ? "
Lo, it is a petty Chieftain
And he doth belong to "D"
Hark ! again his whistle's sounding,
Sounding high and loud and clear
See him rush up to a forward
And catch him gently by the ear
"What the .... the matter?
Don't you see that you're off side ?
You'll have to go with my decision,
With the rules you must abide."
But the crowd in great excitement
At the Referee they squealed :
"For Heaven's sake lay doon yer whussle,
Clear tae blazes off the field ! "

And behold the Ruler of the game fled to the mess and took unto himself a huge shandy and drank mightily of the strong waters that night. And he refereed no more that moon, no, nor for many moons after ; his pride was humbled and many mocked him saying, "Show to us the person which said thou wert a referee that we may slay him." And when the mighty chief Cluny heard of it, he laughed amazingly, and his bosom swelled with pride for he knew none could equal him, and his affectionate remonstances to his tribe on early morning parade increased accordingly.

(Signed) "TWOYEARS HOOKUM,"
Filawsoffer and Skrybe.

What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT he wis lookin for the screw o' the "final adjustment" tae the back sicht.

That it hears the Battalion wull mairch past tae the strains o' "Stop Yer ticklin, Jock," in future.

That he knocked doon a plate but it widna fa'.

That they whitewashed the fallin lates black this time.

That it hears th' mairrit quarters are gey fu'.

That it wad like tae hear what Sumdoo his tae say aboot it.

That the draft are a' young sojers.

That it believes we were a' that wiy yince.

That sometimes ye wadna hae thoet it.

That the draftie thocht he wis gettin the gaff tickets fur naething.

That he changed his mind at the end o' the month.

That it his been vaccinated.

That there is tae be nae mair manœuvres. (Till the next time.--Ed.)

That the Staff markers have been put on the unemployed list.

That it saw a wee man wi a long rifle the ither day.

That it didnae get measured for its ain yin.

That yin o' the last breeze wis askin whit "P.O." meant.

That it disna ken itself.

That the Irish Mail has been a bit heavier lately.

That the nichts in bed hae been that wi tae.

That the spring has come again.

And so has the spring Drills.

Regimental Games.

The Annual games came off on the 9th and 10th of March. Owing to the Battalion being out on manœuvres on three previous days, preparations were somewhat interfered with, but the Committee, ably asissted by Pte. Benson and the Pioneers, managed to get everything ready in time. The prizes offered were better than usual and nearly every event produced a large number of competitors.

First Day.—Several good performances were witnessed, notably Pte. Clanahan's throwing the cricket ball 100½ yards, Sgt. Markey's high jump, 4 feet 11 inches, and Pte. Robertson's hop, step and jump, 38 feet 5 inches. Nine competitors turned out for the old soldier's race, proving that though their years be many their hearts are as stout as yore. Last year's first and second occupied their old places, and Sergt. Major Ditcham and Cpl. Peggie had a grand race for third place, the latter just winning by his figure. The evening finished with the semi-finals for the Tug-of-War Shield. "F" Company gave "D" Company a very hard pull, and looked winning at one time. but eventually found themselves over the line, while "B" Company made rather short work of "C" Company.

Second day.—The open events produced such well known runners as Private Sharp of the Black Watch, champion at Calcutta, Gunner Dunkley, R.F.A., and Lce.-Corpl Moyse of the East Lancashire Regiment. Lce.-Corpl. McLaren again showed his skill at Tossing the Caber, sending it over straight at his first attempt. The open mile furnished a very exciting finish, Piper Wright just winning on the tape. The brothers Kean made the quarter mile race a family affair. Though there were only three outside competitors for piping and dancing, the standard of merit was high and Pipe Major Lynch is to be congratulated on winning three medals. Pipe Major Duff of the Royal Scots gave very fine performances in the march, Strathspey and reel. It is to be regretted that more teams did not turn out for the Company Reel Sets. It is to be hoped that next year every company will produce at least one set.

The last event was the Final of the Tug-of-War. After a stiff pull lasting over four minutes, "B" Company managed to get "D"

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Company all over. During the afternoon the gymnasts of the Battalion gave a very fine display, and the Band, under Bandmaster Walsh, discoursed for the benefit of the many spectators.

Mrs. Richardson very kindly presented the prizes.

COMMITTEE.

President.

Major A. E. J. Cavendesh, C.M.G.

Members.

Captain P. D. McCandlish.
Lieut. and Adjutant J. Kennedy.
Lieut. R. R. Forbes.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

Sergt. Major Ditcham.

"A" Coy. Sgt. Young. "E" Coy. Pte. McLean.
"B" " " Alder. "F" " Sgt. Markey.
"C" " Pte. Gibson. "G" " Pte. Benson.
"D" " " Mowatt. "H" " Cpl. McLuckie.

RESULTS—FIRST DAY.

1. *Bugling Competition.*
   1st Dr. Laird, "B" Coy.
   2nd Dr. Riddock, "E" Coy.
2. *Place Kick.*
   1st Pte. Kerr, "C" Coy. 159ft. 10in.
   2nd Lce.-Cpl. Reid, "D" Coy.
   3rd Pte. Gibson, "C" Coy.
3. *Throwing the Cricket Ball.*
   1st Pte. Clanahan, "A" Coy. 100½ yards.
   2nd Pte. Cameron, "E" Coy.
   3rd Lce.-Sgt. Markey, "F" Coy.
4. *Hop, Step and Jump.*
   1st Pte. Robertson, "E" Coy. 38ft. 5in.
   2nd Dr. Scott, "G" Coy.
   3rd Lce.-Sgt. Markey, "F" Coy.
5. *High Jump.*
   1st Lce.-Sgt. Markey, "F" Coy., 4ft. 11in.
   2nd Lce.-Cpl. Mulholland, "G" Coy.
   3rd Lce.-Cpl. Cridland, "F" Coy.
6. *100 Yards (Novices).*
   1st Pte. Reid, "C" Coy.
   2nd Pte. McKenna, "D" Coy.
   3rd Bds. Quinn, "H" Coy.
7. *Throwing the Hammer.*
   1st Bds. Darwood, 26ft.
8. *Half Mile (Novices).*
   1st Pte. Kean, "F" Coy.
   2nd Cpl. Campbell, "E" Coy.
   3rd Pte. Jack, "D" Coy.
9. *March, Strathspey and Reel (Novices).*
   1st Pte. Bain, "A" Coy.
   2nd Pte McDonald, "G" Coy.
10. *Long Jump.*
   1st Pte. Robertson, "E" Coy. 17ft. 4in.
   2nd Lce.-Sgt. Markey, "F" Coy.
   3rd Lce.-Cpl. Mulholland, "G" Coy.
11. *Half Mile.*
   1st Piper Wright, "E" Coy.
   2nd Lce.-Cpl. Kean, "A" Coy.
12. *Bicycle Race.*
   1st Piper. Wright, "E" Coy.
   2nd Pte. Grey, "H" Coy.
   3rd Lce.-Cpl. Carlyle, "C" Coy.
13. *Old Soldiers' Race.*
   1st Sgt. Wallace, "B" Coy.
   2nd Lce.-Sgt. Bertram, "F" Coy.
   3rd Cpl. Peggie, "A" Coy.
14. *Boys' Race.*
   1st Boy Davie, "F" Coy.
   2nd Boy McLachlan, "D" Coy.
15. *Company Reel Sets.*
   "F" Coy.
16. *N.-C.O.'s Race.*
   1st Lce.-Cpl. Kean, "A" Coy.
   2nd Lce.-Cpl. Eite, "G" "
17. *Highland Fling (Novices).*
   1st Pte. McDonald "E" Coy.
   2nd Pte. Kean "F" "
18. *Gymnastic Competition (Non Instructors.)*
   1st. Pte. Kelly "B" Coy.
   2nd. " Wright "F" "
   3rd. " Neill "B" "
19. *Tug of War, Semi-Final.*
   "D" Coy. beat "F" Coy.
   "B" Coy. beat "C" Coy.

SECOND DAY.

20. *Putting the Shot.*
   1st Pte. Gibson "C" Coy. 30 ft. 5 in.
   2nd Bdn. Darwood "C" Coy.
   3rd L-C. Kean "A" Coy.
   Bdn Noble "G" "
21. *March, Strathspey and Reel, open.*
   1st Pipe Major Duff, Royal Scots.
   2nd Piper Robertson, Royal Scots.
   3rd Pipe Major Taylor, H.L.I.
22. *Quarter Mile.*
   1st L-C. Kean "A" Coy.
   2nd Pte. Kean "F" "
23. *Tossing the Caber.*
   1st L-C. McLaren "D" Coy.
   2nd { Cpl. Shanks "B" "
   { Bdn Noble "G" "
34. *200 Yards. Open.*
   1st Pte. Sharp, Black Watch,
   2nd L. C. Moyse, E. Lancs.
   3rd Dr. Kirtlan, E. Lancs.
25. *Piobaireachd. Open.*
   1st Pipe Major Lynch, 93rd.
   2nd Pipe Major Taylor, H. L. I.
   3rd Pipe Major Duff, Royal Scots.
26. *100 Yards Open.*
   1st L. C. Moyse, E. Lancs.
   2nd Pte. O'Shea, E. Lancs.
   3rd L. C. Kean, 93rd.
28. *Best Dressed Highlander.*
   1st Pte. Candlish "E" Coy.
29. *Sword Dance. Open.*
   1st Pipe Major Lynch, 93rd.
   2nd Piper Robertson, Royal Scots.
   3rd L. C. Cridland, 93rd.
30. *One Mile. Open.*
   1st Piper Wright, 93rd.
   2nd Gr. Dunkley. R. F. A.
   3rd Pte. Farrer, E. Lanc.
31. *Highland Fling. Open.*
   1st Pipe Major Lynch, 93rd.
   2nd Pipe Major Duff, Royal Scots.
   3rd L. C. Cridland, 93rd.
32. *Band Race (with instruments).*
   1st Bdn. Quinn.
   2nd Bdn. Walsh.
   3rd Bdn. Darwood.
33. *Obstacle Race.*
   1st Pte. Wright, "F" Coy.
   2nd Pte. Elliott, "E" "
   3rd { Pte. Fogg, "G" "
   { " Cameron, "E" Coy
34. *Tug of War.*
   "B" Coy. beat "D" Coy.

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Retaliation

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In the play, the devoted Juliet says, "What's in a name?" from the bottom of her own staunch heart and the top of the stage carpenter's crazy balcony, and there was once a sergeant who, with no quarrel at his own name, thought that, for a time at least, he would smell as sweet by any other. And his trouble lay in the fact that in his regiment there was a lieutenant of the same surname as himself. Now, it happend that at this time the sergeant had set up on a great golden throne, in the innermost shrine of his very heart of hearts, a cherubby-faced little half-caste, with her frizzy hair, her big brown eyes, her rosebud lips, and her dirty neck. It must be explained that in India at dances, tennis courts, picnics, and places where sergeants most do congregate, it is not the habit of the ladies of the houses of Pereira, and Gonsalvez, and De Sousa, and De Costa, and De Cruz, and such others as we name in our hearts, to address these non-commissioned officers by their military styles and and titles, but by the civilian "Mr." Now as our sergeant and the little mem-sahib were at this this time making the record in the number of love letters it was possible to produce in any given eight hours working day, and as the little dirty-neck invariably addressed her "lifafa" in the manner I have indicated, it was only to be expected that in due time one would reach the lieutenant, and so it happend.

Note me then this strong-limbed, healthy-minded young Britisher's astonishment when he found himself one morning accused in an angular hand of not having been to see her since Saturday, and this was Sunday; that Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were the only days of last week he had been to see her; and was a pink-faced girl of his own country decoying him "with blandishment," and this time she too very much loving, she spoke true word, and a lot more of this stuff which a gilt-edged, star-spangled, jewel-enamelled, diamond-encrusted, and electric-tinted experience leads me to think these "affairs dookoor" are mostly made up. The lieutenant *took* the situation, and forwarded the belated love plaint to the sergeant, enclosing a note, which ran—"Sergeant ——, I recommend you pay a little more attention to your sweetheart, and I won't be troubled with these letters." The matter somehow got about (the officer, I must remark, had acted in the matter like the gentleman he was), and for a time the sergeant led a grey existence, pointed at by the finger of scorn, and jeered at by the voice of contumely, the while he dreamed of long lanes and silver linings. It was, therefore, with a great throb in his throat that he found himself one morning perusing an insufficiently addressed letter of the officer's which had been delivered to him. It was his turn now. The long night was past, and the day was at hand. He chuckled to himself, "My policy is Retaliation. The whole line will now advance, the bands playing, the men cheering, and the colours flung loose," and the minutes had not melted into hours ere there appeared at the officer's quarters the opium-scarred face of a native who, with many a salaam and "pisa, gareeb purwar," handed the officer his letter, and with it one from the revivified and now triumphant non. com. "Sir, might I respectfully suggest you settle with your tailor, and I won't be worried with these reminders."

"H.L.I. Chronicle."

Musketry.

An open competition took place on Thursday, 2nd March, the conditions being nine rounds (seven to count) at a Third Class Target. The ammunition used on the occasion was the reduced charge issued for use on miniature ranges, but from the scores given below it will be seen that it is fairly reliable at 200 yards. The total number of entries was nearly 150, and the result as follows: —

Marksmen—			
1st Private Palmer	"H"	Company	27
2nd Lce. Cpl. Blake	"D"	,,	26
2rd Private Malcolm	"F"	,,	25
First Class Shots—			
1st Private Gibbons	"G"	,,	29
2nd ,, Campbell	"B"	,,	28
3rd ,, Millar	"B"	,,	24
4th ,, Sharpe	"E"	,,	24
Second Class Shots—			
1st Private Gallachar	"B"	,,	29
2nd ,, Douglas	"G"	,,	28
3rd ,, Ferguson	"E"	,,	27
4th ,, Waldrope	"H"	,,	25
Third Class Shots—			
1st Private Cleghorn	"G"	,,	28
2nd ,, Howarth	"H"	,,	26
3rd ,, McKenna.	"H"	,,	25

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Major Vallancey has entered a team from "H" Company for the Commander-in-Chief's Cup, and practice has taken place daily. The team are using the short Lee-Enfield Rifle, and all speak well of its capabilities. It is to be hoped that their practice will not be so nullified on the final day by the adverse conditions which characterised the attempt made by the Regimental Team to win the Cup last year.

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Below we publish the score made by the team from the Welsh Regiment who proved this year winners of the Queen Victoria Cup (abroad). Considering that neither sighting shots nor wind-guages were permitted, the score is an excellent one. The total 738 is only 28 points in excess of that made by our own team, while the totals for each distance compare as follows :—

The Welsh Regt. : 200 yards, 250. 500 yards, 248. 600 yards, 240
Ninety-Third ; ,, ,, 248. ,, ,, 247. ,, ,, 215

From these figures it will be seen that with the least bit of luck at the longer distance, our team would have been well up the prize list.

QUEEN VICTORIA CUP.

The Welsh Regt. Winners Abroad.

Names.	Scores.			Total.
	200	500	600	
L-Cpl. Leeden ...	32	32	33	97
Lt-Col. Dickinson ...	32	35	30	97
Capt. Ready ...	32	31	32	95
Cr. Sgt Baines ...	30	31	31	92
Sgt-Maj. Holt ..	32	32	28	92
Sgt. Howells .	32	28	30	90
Cpl. Hampton ..	31	30	28	89
Sgt. Evans ...	29	29	28	86
Total...	250	248	240	738
Averages..	31·25	31	30	92·25

Farewell.

(Our "sprung" poet has sent us the following lines. He was ordered to report sick at once.)—ED.

Farewell ! ma guid auld topi,
And pagri too;
Hoo mony days we've bin th' gither,
Since ye were new.
For noo they say yer no the thing,
Just no quite up tae date,
But aye a wull your praises sing,
Ma puir auld mate.

An'ither ane 'ill tak your place,
A brawer thing;
Wi' croon sae big and cranky shape,
Fit for a king;
Nae spike or chain we'll pit on it,
Or helmet badge sae bricht,
It's said these things they are na fit,
For ilka ficht.

Then fare ye weel, ma worthy freen,
A got ye cheap;
An' mony a day ye hae protected
Me frae the heat.
And aften, tae wi boozing chum,
On ilka spree we've been:
Wi' nicht attacks and sic like fun,
We twa were seen.

Sergeants' Mess.

The monthly dances have, of late, been fairly well attended, though the Committee's labours would be more appreciated if a greater number of ladies would turn out. The tennis courts also are busy of evenings, the "At Homes" every Thursday being responsible for a fair attendance.

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Colour Sergeants Lockie and Johnstone, and Sergeants Milne and McRae, have gone home on six months' summer furlough ; we wish them a thoroughly enjoyable holiday. Mrs. Lockie and family accompany Colour Sergeant Lockie and the change to the "caller" air of bonnie Scotland should be enviable after their sojourn in this pestilential country.

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The Billiard competition for the cup presented by Staff Sergeant Wylie and known as the "Wylie-Park Cup" resulted in a victory for Colour Sergeant F. W. Clarke, who is thus the first to have his name inscribed on it. The drawings and results were as follows :—

FIRST ROUND.

Sgt. Major Ditcham	200	beat	Cr. Sgt. Ewan	173
Cr. Sgt. Clarke	200	,,	Sgt.-Mr.-Tailor Crawford	181
Pipe Major Lynch	200	,,	Drum Major Duff	182
Sergeant Wallace	200	,,	Cr. Sgt. Arnott	187
Sergeant Norrie	200	,,	Sgt. McQueen	188
Lce. Sgt. Tawse	200	,,	Sgt. McDonald	193
Sergt. Mahoney	200	,,	L.-Sgt. Markey	150
,, Inglis	200	,,	,, Newall	122
,, Balfour	200	,,	Sgt. Cockburn	143
,, McRae	200	,,	,, Phemister	198
,, Ogg	200	,,	L.-Sgt. Dougall	177
,, Gibb	200	,,	Sergeant Scott	135

Colour Sergeant Tyndall and Lce. Sergeant Young, scratched. Sergeant McInnes and Lce. Sergeant Watt receive byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Sergeant Wallace	200	beat	Sergeant Gibb	151
,, Balfour	200	,,	,, Ogg	189
,, Inglis	200	,,	,, Norrie	182
Cr. Sgt. Clarke	200	,,	Lce. Sgt. Tawse	166
Sergeant McRae	200	,,	Sgt. McInnes	128
,, Mahoney	200	,,	Sgt. Watt	153

Sergeant Major Ditcham and Pipe Major Lynch, Byes.

THIRD ROUND.

Cr. Sgt. Clarke	200	beat	S. Maj. Ditcham	165
Sergeant Mahoney	200	,,	Pipe Maj. Lynch	162
,, Balfour	200	,,	Sergeant Wallace	190
,, Inglis	200	,,	,, McRae	115

SEMI-FINAL.

Cr. Sgt. Clarke	200	beat	Sgt. Mahoney	183
Sergeant Inglis	200	,,	Sgt. Balfour	180

FINAL.

Cr. Sgt. Clarke	200	beat	Sergeant Inglis	106

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Point to Point Race.

The Ninety-Third Highlanders' Point-to-Point races came off at Ganeshkhind, when Colonel Paterson and the Officers were "At Home" to a large and fashionable gathering from both Poona and Kirkee. The Band of the regiment was in attendance to heighten the delights of the evening, but the weather clerk was a bit refractory towards sundown. A Deccan gale started from the East, and it was a chill wind which blew nobody any good. In every other respect the afternoon was extremely pleasent, and the Officers' Committee are to be congratulated on its success. If only three events were run off, they were equal to a whole meeting, for almost all the available cattle of sterling quality in Poona were trotted out for the three sprints, and a large proportion of them made for the home flags with the fleetness of a stag. The course was a mazy one extending about two and a half miles over broken and undulating ground, and the jump was scarcely a feathery one. Mr. Fletcher on Fox and Mr. Kennedy on Pluto can testify to that. Both fell, but were happily unhurt. General Richardson was Judge, and a good Judge too. Colonel Paterson officiated as a Starter, and Mr Kennedy was responsible for the excellent arrangements. A Bookmaker's presence was very appreciable, and one Irani appeared to be rewarded for his enterprise in going out into the country. Mrs. Richardson kindly distributed the prizes.

The following are the results:—

POONA RACE—SUBALTERNS.

Mr. Forbes' Petronel	1
„ Davies' Kitty Gray	2
„ Maclean's Jil	3
„ Kennedy's Collector	0
„ Stewart's Thomas	0
„ Sandeman's Kalmo	0
„ Harvey's	0
„ McKenzie's Bombardier ...	0
„ Cheape's Tick	0
„ Gilmour's Orion	0
„ Fenzi's Benn	0
„ Hale's Belinda	0
„ A. Kennedy's Stilton	0

The bunch got away on level terms, but were soon seen in extended order. Reappearing through the clump of trees, Petronel was well to the front, while Kitty Gray was coming up strong behind him. In the end Petronel, who had much left in him, won by many lengths.

BETTING:—5 to 1 against Collector, 2 to 1 Thomas, 6 to 1 Kalmo, 3 to 1 Hartley, 8 to 1 Petronel and Jill, 2 to 1 Bombardier, 10 to 1 the rest.

RACE FOR HORSES—OPEN.

Major Edward's Runaway Girl	1
„ Wogan Brown's Domino	2
Mr. Kennedy's Ariadne	3
„ Stewart's Cobalt...	0
„ Evans-Gwyne's Fat Boy	0
„ Mackenzie's Waterloo	0
„ Hale's Belinda	0

Runaway Girl soon got away to the head of the list, and showed the way down the course. Cutting through the topes in fine style, he negotiated the jump clean ahead of the rest and won easily, looking as fresh as paint at the finish.

BETTING:—2 to 1 against Runaway Girl, 3 to 1 Cobalt, 6 to 1 Fat Boy, 3 to 1 Ariadne, 6 to 1 the rest.

RACE FOR PONIES—OPEN.

Mr. Anderson's Content	1
„ ————Ringmaster...	2
Major T. P. England's Coronation	3
„ Major Wogan Browne's Columbine ...	0
Mr. Hill's Friar	0
„ Lambert's Flycatcher	0
Major E. P. England's Ena	0
Mr. Phinston's Arac	0
„ Cameron's Nugget	0
Captain Laing's Nipper	0
Mr. Stewart's Welcome	0
Mr. Kennedy's Pluto	(fell)
Mr. Fletcher's Fox	(fell)

They strung out from the start and went away at a good pace till rounding the bend, where half the field stopped short—only to come in at a Cake Walk. Content was challenged by Ringmaster at the finish, but he failed in the effort, and Content won handsomely by three lengths.

BETTING:—2 to 1 Ena, 4 to 1 Columbine and Ringmaster, 10 to 1 the others.

Football.

INTER COMPANY LEAGUE.

With the exception of the few days lost during the Sasvad operations the matches have been played off according to the table, with the result that the various places the teams will occupy on completion of the league have become more than conjecture. Owing to want of space, however, we were compelled to hold over several interesting accounts of matches played up to the end of February, and this month can only give a brief precis of each match. The league table appended shows the stage of the game up to the 7th April.

"E" *versus* "H." A good game and "H" have to thank their strong forward line for the narrow victory they secured. In the first half there was no scoring but later on some excellent fast play enabled Quinn to score, Mullen having no chance to save, and although "E" tried

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hard to equalise they were unable to score. Result "H" 1. "E" 0.

"F" *versus* "G." "F" Company having up to date secured full points, an interesting match was looked for, and the onlookers were not disappointed. The winners however scored their two goals in the first half and from a penalty "G" Company secured theirs. "F" pressed hard throughout the second half, "G" getting an occasional dangerous run in. Result "F" 2. "G" 1.

"A" *versus* "D." Although the final score was low, "D" had the best of this match, pressing the most of the first half during which Houston secured a goal. "D" in the second half had all the running, "A" scarcely crossing midfield, except the run by which they got their only goal. Result "D" 2. "A" 1.

"B" *versus* "C." An interesting game with good combination amongst the winners. "C" Company scored all their goals in the first half, the play of their forwards being very interesting. A rather gusty wind spoiled the play in the second half, the result at the finish being "C" 3. "B" 1.

"E" *versus* "G." "G," the winners, played a good strong game, the work of their forward line being particularly effective, and although on several occasions "E" with the least bit of luck might have scored, the tactics of the winners defence kept them from being dangerous. Result "G" 3. "E" 0.

"F" *versus* "H." An evenly contested game, the play being much of a give and take nature. A draw would have been a better index to the play, which grew rather slack in the latter stages. Result, "F" 3. "G" 2.

"A" *versus* "G." A very narrow victory for "A" Company. The Grenadier Company worked hard to equalise but always failed at the goal mouth. Result, "A" 1. "G" 0.

"F" *versus* "B." This was the first match played after the Battalion came in from the Manœuvres. "B" were unfortunate in not scoring from one of the few chances which came their way, but shewed improved play. "F" Company's defence was sound, the forward play wanting sting at times. Result, "F" 2. "B" 1.

"E" *versus* "C." The sister companies always provide a good game and this was no exception. Try as they could "C" could not beat the winners' defence and although "E" lost many good opportunities they were quite value for their win. Result, "E" 2. "C" 1.

"H" *versus* "D." "H" at first were not inclined to play this match on account of their team being partly unable to turn out: An eleven was however pulled together and to the surprise of everybody secured a victory. I don't think anybody could have been more astonished than the winners at the result of the "practice" match. Result, "H" 2. "D" 0.

"A" *versus* "H." The final result, no scoring, is not quite indicative of the play in this match, as on several occations the various goals underwent narrow escapes. If anything "H" had the best of the exchanges, but the clearing tactics of "A" Company defence nullified their efforts. Result—a draw—no scoring.

"B" *versus* "E." "B" Company made a determined attempt to wrest a couple of points, but Mullen's goalkeeping powers again triumphed. "E's" forwards took advantage of their reliable defence and played well up the field with result that their goal average was considerably increased. The losers backs worked well but the superior play of the winners told in the long run. Result "E" 3. "B" 0.

"C" *versus* "H." A decided win for "C" Company their back division spoiling the attempts of "H" Company time after time. The losers, however, played well and had hard luck on several occasions in not converting break-aways into goals. Final Result, "C" 3. "H" 0.

"D" *versus* "G." An evenly contested match, and though the Clockholders secured the points, the result might have been the other way about according to the play. Both sides worked hard towards the latter stage of the game, the defence of the Grenadier Company being very noticeable. Result "D" 2. "G" 1.

"B" *versus* "A." A very much give and take game resulted in this meeting. All tried hard and several chances at the goal mouth were spoiled through over anxiety. Both teams showed much better football than usual, "B" Companys defenders proving fairly sound. Result—a draw, 1 goal each.

"C" *versus* "D." As the points for this game meant a great deal for both Companies, a large turnout of spectators witnessed the struggle, and struggle it was. "C" pressed hard and were very effective in front of goal, while Lapsley and Gibson kept "D's" forward line in check. Taken all over it was a thorough victory for "C." Result, "C" 3. "D" 1.

"F" *versus* "E." Another exciting match, both teams being well in the running for the lead, and although both teams were watched "E" were lucky enough to notch the winning goal. Mullen was tried often, but always cleared, and up, till the last moment it was anybody's game. Result "E" 1. "F" 0.

INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Matches played up to 7th April 1905.

Coy.	Matches Played	Matches			Goals Scored		Points
		Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	
D	10	6	2	2	14	9	14
C	10	5	2	3	13	7	13
F	10	6	3	1	15	9	13
E	10	5	3	2	11	5	12
H	10	3	2	5	7	7	11
A	10	2	5	3	6	12	7
G	10	2	6	2	7	11	6
B	10	1	7	2	5	18	4

Total Abstinence in the Army.

Field Marshal Sir George White, V.C., Governor of Gibraltar, at a temperance meeting towards the close of last year, gave some interesting facts and figures concerning temperance in the Army. In seven regiments quartered in different parts of India, and selected chiefly on account of the large number of total abstainers borne on their rolls, the following, Sir George said, were the average admission to hospitals among abstainers and non-abstainers respectively per 1,000 per month :—

	Abstainers	Non-Abstainers.
Regt. I. ...	33·33 ...	96·38
II. ...	37·64 ...	47 19
III. ...	84·32 ...	126·63
IV. ...	86·73 ...	152·60
V. ...	39·62 ...	72·70
VI. ...	34·54 ...	88·20
VII. ...	30·34 ...	63·40

Taking the average of the seven regiments, the admissions per 1,000 were :—Abstainers, 49·53 ;

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non-abstainers, 92·37. The great differences amongst the number of admissions under both heads in different regiments may, Sir George explained, be accounted for by the great variations in the healthfulness of different stations in India. There is, however, one constant principle running through all, viz., the greater amount of sickness among non-abstainers than among abstainers.

The late Mr. W. Forbes-Mitchell.

In a recent issue of the "Indian Volunteer and Military News" the following eulogy of the deceased Veteran appeared.

"By the death of Mr. W. Forbes-Mitchell at Garden Reach recently a link of the India of the present and past was severed. Most Calcutta dwellers of the present day knew the hale and sturdy personality of the bluff old Highlander, and his breezy reminiscences were always a pleasure to to any soldier whether of the Regular or Auxiliary forces. Mr. Forbes-Mitchell had served with the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders through the Crimean and Mutiny campaigns, in which regiment he attained the rank of colour-sergeant, and one of the keen pleasures of his later life as a civilian was the contribution of notes of the old times to that very excellent regimental journal of his old battalion, *The Thin Red Line*. Mr. Forbes-Mitchell's literary abilility was of no mean order, as his published works of reminiscences witness. By a sad coincidence it happens that shortly before his death he had sent in to this paper a brief record of the dates of "moving scenes by field and flood," of which he had been an active spirit in the Crimea and the Mutiny, to be included under our "Calendar:" with the wish, as he expressed it, to do something to remind the Indian Volunteer of to-day of the spirit which shoul l inspire the soldiers of the King."

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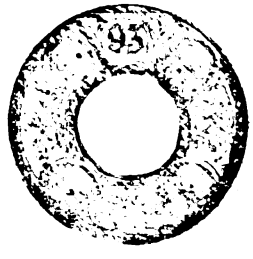

" A fine young Fusilier, writing to his mother, told her he was the right hand man of the front rank of the left half company; the old lady not being well up in military matters, sent him half a crown, and told him now he was promoted, he must be kind to the men under him!

His Fiercest Battle.

"Which was the most exciting action you were in!" I asked my friend the commissionaire, who wore no less than six decorations.

"'Twas in Gib, in the early sixties," he replied.

"Man alive!" I ejaculated, "there was no action in Gibraltar in those days, and what's more——"

"Keep your hair on," he interrupted, "and I'll explain the whole thing. This was the way of it. The old regiment was great on amateur theatricals in those times, and the piece that took the fancy of the audience most was 'William Tell,' for the reason that the man who played William had to shoot an apple off the head of a drum-boy every night, and the Spaniards and Moors and such-like riff-raff flocked into the place to see it done, and, what's more, he never missed."

"I see" I replied, "they were surprised at his skill."

"Devil the bit! 'Twasn't to see the apple hit they came, but to see it missed."

"To see it missed! I can't understand ——"

"These interruptions are unseemly," he said, "but I will continue. To see it missed they came, in the hope that some evening the drum-boy would be hit in the eye or the head or somewhere, but the eye for favour. But never a miss took place and the gaff was crowded every night, and every amateur swaggering around with his pockets full of dollars and more chums than you could count. But prosperity proved their ruin in the long run. The bold William appeared one night with more than his crossbow to carry, and the 'more' took the shape of liquor. Well, when the shooting time came he took his stand at one wing, while the drum-boy with the apple on his head was placed at the other. But, unfortunately, his hand was not over-steady, and released the arrow too soon, which hung in mid-air half-way between William and the apple. It took the audience about a minute to gather in the situation, and then a yell arose that might have been heard at the Spanish lines. But, then, I must explain the whole position. The apple had a very fine wire run through it, which was stretched across the stage, and the arrow was a tube threaded on it. Everything was then set up tight, and it was simply impossible for the arrow to miss the apple, which by its force was carried clean off the stage, and brought on again with the wire withdrawn, to be shown to Gesler. Well, as I said, the whole thing was exploded, and before you could say 'trapsticks' every rock-scorpion in the audience was on his feet, with a knife in his hand, and making for the stage, and things immediately became mixed and lively. The 'Picket Call' was sounded all over the Rock, the guards were turned out,

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and very soon the whole place was surrounded, and quiet began to be restored. But some ugly knife cuts and thrusts had been given, and many broken heads and limbs were in evidence. It laid me by the heels in hospital for six weeks before the doctors would pronounce me convalescent, and I wasn't the worst case, for several scorpions and one of my regiment were killed outright. Anyhow it was, taking it bye and large, the thickest kind of a ruction I ever was concerned in, and nobody was mentioned in despatches."—T. B.

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THE PRIDE OF SUTHERLAND LODGE, LODGE 93.

The Lodge enters on a fresh Quarter with the beginning of May, and as the membership has largely increased of late a successful session is looked forward to.

The following is the programme issued, and the Committee announce that they will be glad to welcome any visitor to the Lodge. The meetings are held every Monday evening in the R.A.T.A., Connaught Institute.

Programme.

Dates.	Items.
1st May, 1905	New Officers to entertain, and reports from retiring Officers.
8th „ „	Short speeches, and how I became a Good Templar.
15th „ „	Auction night (Parcels to value 4 annas).
22nd „ „	A night with our married Brothers
29th „ „	Debate (Open).
5th June „	Officers to explain their duties.
12th „ „	Invite Sister Lodges and Tents.
19th „ „	A night with Deputies.
26th „ „	Grumbler's night. Grumble or pay 4 annas.
3rd July „	Election of New Cabinet.
10th „ „	Letters from far and near, and P.P.C. Night.
17th „ „	Our Regalia explained.
24th „ „	Has our Quarter been a success?
31st „ „	Installation and Social.

QUEER POGGLES.

AT communicating drill. "Place the left elbow under the right shoulder and seize the rifle with the right foot under the magazine."

What if the poor pupil did as instructed and was further inconvenienced by the recollection that he had left his box unlocked, with fifty rupees in it!

This is how one of the orders for the Satara Arsenal Guard was being given one day. "The sentry must wear loose powder when there is ammunition boots about."

This order was given on the range when a section was firing at the moving target:—

"Independent firing—there she goes—go on!"

Home and Depot Notes.

The Golf Cup presented for competition in 1898 between the officers of the 91st and 42nd Regimental District has been won this year by the Black Watch Officers, the result being as follows:—

A. and S. H. Depot.		Black Watch Depot.	
Captain Moulton-Barrett	0	Captain Sutherland	3
Lieutenant Thomson	0	Capt. Hamilton, D.S.O.	5
Major Aytoun, D.S.O.	0	Lieutenant Lamb	8
Lieutenant Sceales	7	Lieutenant Strahan	0
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The fifth of the series of dances given during the winter by the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Stirling Castle, took place lately. The company was smaller than usual, but it was very happy and select, and Colour-Sergeant Matthews and his committee had a very agreeable duty in looking after the comfort of their guests.

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Efforts are being made to raise a cyclist company in the Stirlingshire Volunteer Battalion. Each man is to receive an annual allowance for the upkeep of his machine.

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Captain H. B. F. Baker-Carr, of the Ninety-First, has been appointed a Company officer at the Royal Military College.

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At the recent meeting of the National Rifle Association, it was decided that the dimensions of the Third Class Bisley target would be altered by reducing the inner ring from 14 to 12 inches and the magpie from 21 to 18 inches.

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We are sorry to read in the home papers of the defeat of the Ninety First in the Fourth round of the Army Cup, the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards proving victors in the tie by 4 goals to nil. In commenting upon the result, the "Aldershot News" mentions that it came as a surprise, as the Highlanders are very hard to defeat on their own ground. The losers played a very hard game and were always more or less dangerous, but the splendid goalkeeping of the Guardsmen's custodian invariably proved their stumbling block. Better luck the next time.

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From the "Military Mail":—

Sergeant-Major Cathie, of the 5th (Argyllshire) Volunteer Battalion has been recommended to the War Office for the Meritorious Service Medal and Annuity. The gallant Sergeant Major served in the Egyptian War of 1882 under Sir Herbert Macpherson, being then in the 72nd Highlanders.

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A revised edition of "Combined Training" has been approved of and will shortly be issued. The present (1902) edition is therefore cancelled.

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We observe that Band Sergeant Crawford, of the 2nd (Renfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, whom most of our readers will recognize as an old Ninety-Third man, has been indefatigable in organising a branch of the Royal Army Temperance Association among the Paisley Volunteers. He has been appointed Secretary, and we wish him every success in his work.

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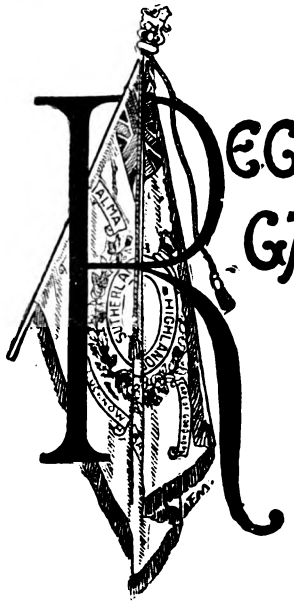
Ninety-Third Calendar for May, 1905.

1 M. Left Table Bay for England 1814. Est. reduced to 33 Officers 59 Sergeants, 23 Drummers and Pipers, 40 Corporals and 480 Privates, 1872.
2 Tu. Lieut.-Col. Alexander Halkett to 10th Foot, 1810. "B" Coy. win Tug-of-war Shield, 1901.
3 W. George Johnstone, Lieut.-Col., 1810. Emb. at Balaklava on board *Sphynx* and *Nemours* for expedition to Kertch and Yenikale (cancelled), 1855.
4 Th.
5 F. Battle of Bareilly, 1858. 1 man killed.
6 S. "Big Sam" (Sergeant Samuel McDonald) d., 1802; he was 6 ft. 10 in. height, and measured 48 round chest; buried in Strangers' Cemetery, Guernsey. Arrd. Spithead from West Indies, 1834 (strength 371 N.C.O's and men), Gallipoli to Scutari, 1854. Terrific hailstorm at Nowshera, 1897; hailstones 4¼ in. in circumference.
7 S. Cherat summer detachment left Nowshera, 1896.
8 M. Disembarked Ramsgate from West Indies, 1834, to Canterbury. "G" Company win Physical Drill Shield, 1901.
9 Tu.
10 W. Final Cricket Clock Tournament, Nowshera, 1897 (1st day).
11 Th. Final Cricket Clock Tournament, 1897, "B" Company winners.
12 F. Edinburgh to Portsmouth on board *Himalaya* 1873.
13 S. "B" and "H" Companies (summer detachment) to Cherat, 1897.
14 S. Arrd. Portsmouth from Granton, 1873, to Aldershot. Arrived Spithead from America, 1815; ordered to Cork.
15 M. Arrived Aldershot, 1873.
16 Tu. Re-inforced at Canterbury by Depot Companies, 1834.
17 W. Dublin for the Curragh, 1834.
18 Th. Weedon for N. of England by detachments, 1835. Head-quarters, Blackburn.
19 F. Weedon for N. of England, 1835.
20 S.
21 S.
22 M. Est. augmented to 800 rank and file, 1843. Again embark (ships *Sphynx* and *Stromboli*) for expedition to Gulf of Kertch, 1855. New Colours presented at Dover by H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge, 1857.
23 Tu.
24 W. Exchange Draft (150 strong) arrived from South Africa, 1902.
25 Th.
26 F.
27 S. Weedon to N. of England, 1835.
28 S. Disembarked, Cork, 1815, to Birr; re-inforced following December, by draft from reduced 2nd Battalion.
29 M.
30 Tu. Maj-Genl. Sir John Cameron, K.C.B., Colonel to 9th Foot, 1833.
31 W. Lt-Genl. Sir Jasper Nicolls, K.C.B., Col. 1833.



REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, DATED 24TH FEBRUARY, 1905.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Southerland) Highlanders, Lieutenant G. A. Akers-Douglas, is seconded for service on the staff, 13th December, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeants of Companies.

No. 4841, Sergeant J. Ogg, to "D" Company.
" 4567, " D. Inglis, to "E" "
" 5864, Colour Sergeant J. Brash, to "G" Company.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 7177, Lance Corporal F. Eite, "G" Coy., dated 1st March, 1905.
No. 9258, Lance Corporal J. Mulholland, "G" Coy., dated 17th March, 1905.

Absorbed in Establishment.

No. 6980, Lance Corporal A. Grant, "F" Coy., dated 16th January, 1905.

To be provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 7547, Private D. McIntosh, "F" Coy., dated 21st March, 1905.
No. 7425, Private H. Smith, "B" Coy., dated 24th March, 1905.

To be provisional Lance Corporal while employed on Garrison Police.

No. 6444, Private J. Young, "E" Company.

To be Regimental Assistant Instructor in Signalling.

No. 4293, Lance Sergeant D. G. Newall, "D" Company.

To be Assistant Instructor to Garrison Signalling Class.

No. 5117, Lance Corporal S. McVea, "C" Company.

To be Acting Piper.

No. 9279, Private R. Ormiston, "G" Coy., dated 17th March, 1905.
No. 7496, Private T. Burns, "D" Coy., dated 15th March, 1905.

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"E" Company.

No. 7445, Pte. A. Raeburn. | No. 7459, Pte. G. McNair.
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No. 9190, Drummer E. Lees.

CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned have been granted Certificates of Education.

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,, 6137, ,, ,, A. Hogg, "F" ,,
,, 7294, ,, ,, T. Hempseed, "F" ,,
,, 7174, ,, ,, W. McPherson, "H" ,,
,, 8356, Private S. Anderson, "G" Company.
,, 8232, ,, H. Todd, "C" ,,

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,, 9258, ,, ,, J. Mulholland, "G" ,,
,, 7396, Private W. Strain, "B" Company.
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,, 8381, ,, J. Ferguson, "E" ,,
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,, 9270, ,, W. Nicholson, "G" ,,
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No. 7963 Pte. G. McLeod.
,, 7670 ,, J. Brown.

"B" Company.

No. 7808, Private W. Ferguson.

"D" Company.

No. 7867, Private G. Maxwell.

"G" Company.

No. 9427, Private L. H. Adam.

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,, 8806, ,, A. Bell.
No. 9154, Pte. J. Bowler.
,, 9225, ,, T. Guthrie.
,, 9385, ,, J. Clark.

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,, 9058, ,, J. Hughes.
,, 9201, ,, R. Johnstone.
,, 9224, ,, T. Kerr.
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,, 9343, ,, D. Wilson.
,, 9352, ,, D. McDonald.
,, 9345, ,, A. McEwan.
No. 9356, Pte. T. Forsyth.

"C" Company.

No. 5276, Sergt. J. Reid.
,, 8844, Pte. W. Smellie.
,, 9041, ,, A. Weir.
,, 9264, ,, W. Findlay.
,, 9297, ,, W. Breslin.
No. 9327, Pte. T. Dunlop.
,, 9367, ,, J. Holmes.
,, 9377, ,, T. Lacey.
,, 9430, ,, J. Sharp.
,, 9305, ,, J. Lawrie.

"D" Company.

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,, 9263, ,, D. Wiliams.
No. 9271, Pte. C. McGartland.
,, 9333, ,, J. Mullen.
,, 9347, ,, W. Watson.

"E" Company.

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,, 9265, ,, J. McBaron.
No. 9344, Pte. A. Hicks.
,, 9349, ,, F. McDermaid.
,, 9304, ,, J. Laird.
,, 6382, Corporal A. Brownlie.

"F" Company.

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,, 9184, ,, J. Crawford.
,, 9193, ,, A. Stewart.
No. 9248, Pte. D. Wilson.
,, 9281, ,, J. Watt.
,, 9288, ,, J. Nelson.
No. 9289, Pte. J. McFadden.

"G" Company.

No. 9169, Pte. T. Watson.
,, 9186, ,, W. J. McGilligan.
,, 9279, ,, R. Ormston.
No. 9311, Pte. N. Brown.
,, 9388, ,, W. Booth.
,, 9267, ,, C. Chidlow.
No. 9382, Pte. J. McDonald.

"H" Company.

No. 2333, Pte. D. McKenna.
,, 9067, ,, R. Rose.
,, 9174, ,, P. Lynch.
No. 9192, Pte. A. McFarlane.
,, 9201, ,, D. Tait.
,, 9193, ,, R. Glover.
No. 9325, Pte. P. McMillan.

On transfer from 78th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

Gunner H. Truswell, posted to "A" Company.

On transfer from 2nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.

Private A. Seath, } Posted to "A" Company.
,, T. Forrest, }

Taken on the strength of the Married establishment.

Emma Susan, wife of No. 9321, Bandsman R. Browne, "B" Company, dated 3rd March, 1905.

Alexandrina Campbell Leitch, wife of Colour Sergeant J. Brash, "G" Company, dated 13th March, 1905.

STRUCK OFF THE STRENGTH.

Sailed for England in the H.T. "Soudan" on 1st March, 1905.

For Discharge: No. 4151 Pte. G. Stratford, "E" Coy.

For Transfer to Army Reserve:

No. 6205 Private J. McArthur, "H" Coy.

Invalids: No. 7987 Private R. Paxton, "B" Company.
,, 9420 ,, T. Allan, "G" ,,
,, 8365 ,, H. Fraser, "D" ,,

Sailed for England in the H.T. "Plassey" on 15th March, 1905.

For Discharge:

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,, 4743 Private R. Hill, "G" ,,
,, 4754 ,, W. Hawthorne, "H" ,,
,, 4780 ,, J. Hope, "B" ,,

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Discharged on completion of 12 years service:

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Proceeded to England on 1st March, 1905.

No. 3306 Colr.-Sergt. A. Lockie, "E" Company.
,, 3077 ,, C. Johnston, "D" ,,
,, 6088 Sergeant R. G. Milne, "G" ,,

Proceeded to England on 15th March, 1905.

No. 5945 Sergeant A. McRae, "E" Company.
,, 5865 Corporal F. Johnson, "A" ,,
,, 4571 ,, J. Hiddles, "E" ,,
,, 5868 ,, J. Gilmour, "G" ,,
,, 6032 ,, J. Youngson, "H" ,,

The undermentioned are granted furloughs as follows:—

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,, 6325, ,, K. Fraser, "A" ,, from 16-3-05 to 15-6-05.
,, 5694, Lce.-Cpl. J. Blake, "D" ,, from 1-4-05 to 30-4-05.
,, 5223, Private W. Saunders, "C" ,, from 1-4-05 to 14-5-05.
,, 6657, ,, C. Grey, "H" ,, from 3-4-05 to 18-4-05.
,, 5837, ,, W Lawrence, "F" ,, } from 1-4-05
,, 5363, ,, R. McNie, "F" ,, } to 31-5-05.

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Domestic Occurrences.

MARRIAGE.

BRASH-LEITCH.—At The Victoria Hall, Helensburgh, on the 14th February, 1905, the Rev. John Baird, B.D., Officiating, Colour Sergeant James Brash, Ninety-Third Highlanders, to Alexandrina Campbell Leitch, younger daughter of the late Mr. John Leitch, Helensburgh

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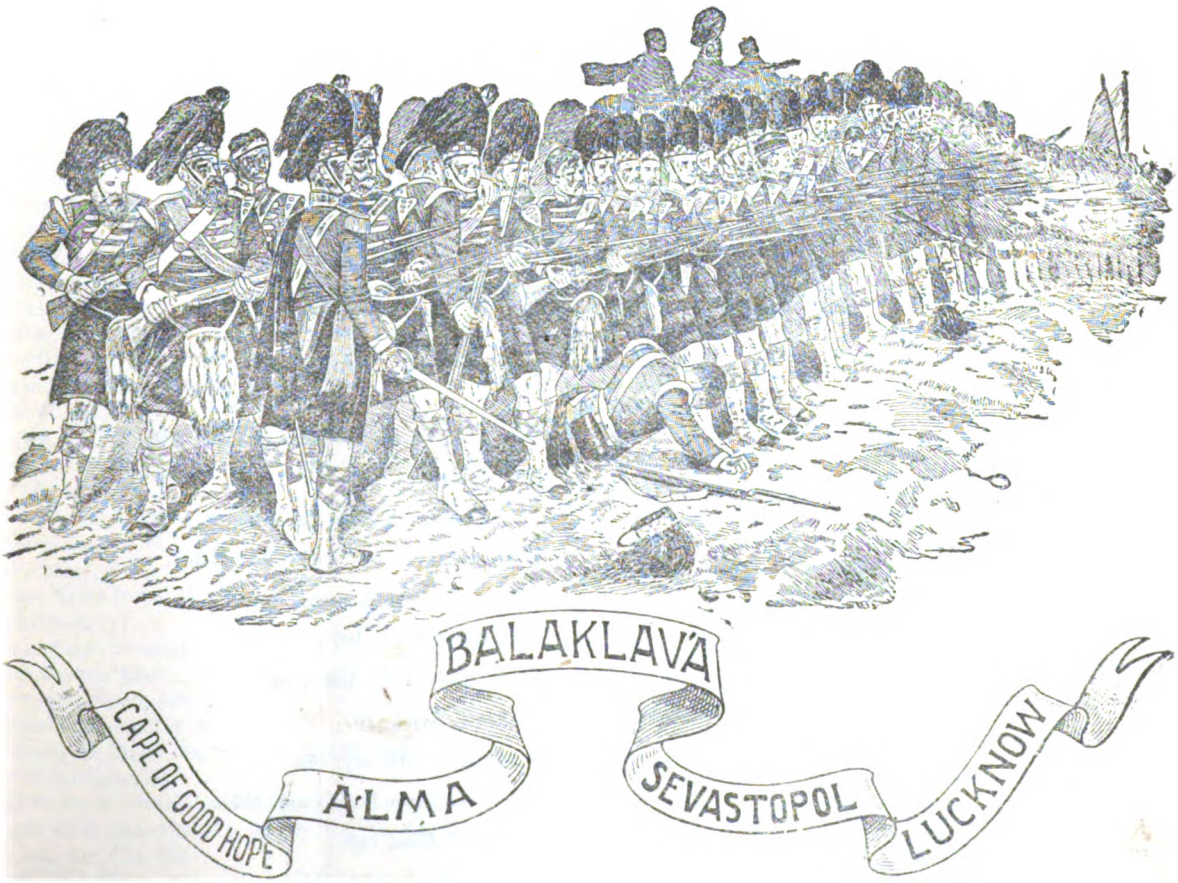

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SKIRLS

The month of April has indeed been a busy one for most of us. We have had issued to us the new equipment, new helmet and new rifle, and the work of fitting the equipment has entailed several parades. It appears to be a very serviceable outfit and is much lighter and less complex than the buff equipment, this latter consideration being much appreciated by those who will wear it.

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The Moveable Column, consisting of "F" and "G" Companies, paraded under Major Mackenzie and Captain Elphinston for inspection during the month. In Field Service order and with transport packed ready for the field, they were inspected by Colonel Carey, East Lancashire Regiment, the officer in charge of the Column, who, we believe, found everything satisfactory.

Lieutenant W. J. Cunninghame is to be congratulated on his promotion *vice* Lieutenant Akers-Douglas seconded.

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Second Lieutenant D. M. Porteous, from the Ninety First, joined us during the month, and has been posted to "A" Company.

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The Commanding Officer has awarded the shield for the best shooting Company, for the Musketry year 1904-1905, to "E" Company. Prior to the arrival of the drafts from home their figure of merit was the highest, and in the circumstances we have no doubt the fairness of the award, and consequent change in the resting place of the shield will be appreciated by all, except perhaps "A" Company.

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Colour Sergeant C. Johnstone, "D" Company, and Sergeant J. McInnes, "B" Company, who left us early in 1904 for service in Somaliland and who returned in the fall of the year, have been awarded the African General Service Medal with clasp, "Somaliland, 1902-04."

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Deolali as a Musketry centre is no more, the School having been removed to Satara. This latter place is sixty-nine miles by road from Poona and lies midway between here and the sea-coast. As a health resort it has few equals, and rumour has it that in a very short time it will be a

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recognised military centre. Lieutenant Fenzi and Sergeants Wallace and Mahoney have been selected to proceed to the next class, while Sergeant Memmott and Corporal Brett have already gone there for duty.

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Easter, and its consequent holidays, is again on us, the school being closed for a week. Services were also held on Good Friday for Church of England and Roman Catholic members of the Battalion, the remainder of the troops enjoying that day as a holiday.

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Major Vallancey having left the Battalion to take up a temporary Staff Appointment at Nasirabad, the Command of "H" Company has fallen to Lieutenant M. G. Sandeman.

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In the results of the recent examination in languages held at Bombay, we find the names of Captain D. J. Glasfurd and Pioneer Sergeant J. H. Snowdon as having passed in the Lower Standard Urdu.

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Now that the drill season has finished, "C" Company have commenced on their Annual course of Gymnastics, while "F" Company, under Captain Elphinston, have started their Musketry Course. The new Musketry Course we understand, makes "Marksman" more difficult than ever to get, but the new rifle appears to have made an improvement all round in the shooting.

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Lieutenant A J. H. Maclean is to be congratulated on passing subject (*c*) for promotion.

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The Annual Report of the Soldiers and Sailors Club, the head quarters of which are at Moreton Street, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, has just been received here. The Club appears to be very popular among Soldiers and Sailors visiting London, and it is a matter for regret that the income for the year did not meet the expenditure We hope this state of affairs will be remedied during the current year, and any of our readers who have a mind to support this institution should send their subscriptions to the above address.

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Captain C. A. H. Maclean, who belongs to the Ninety Third, and at present is adjutant of our Fourth Volunteer Battalion, presided at the Annual Gaelic Concert of the Saint Columba Gaelic Choir, held recently in Glasgow. The Captain was well received and responded with some interesting remarks on Highlanders and the language of the Garden of Eden.

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The representative of the "Highland News" has been round interviewing the veterans of the Army who are resident in Inverness. Amongst their names, and alas, the roll grows smaller as the years roll on, we find the Ninety Third represented by Sergeant Austin, Corporal John Macdonald, and Private D. Skinner. We are glad to find that all of them are in as good health as is expected from their years, and their accounts of the historic campaigns in which they upheld the honour of the Regiment are still as keen as ever. We hope they may be long spared and see the old Corps back again to Scotland.

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Colour Sergeant Andrew Lockie, who in his Capacity as Manager of the "Thin Yin" for several years came frequently into correspondence with most of our veteran comrades, intends looking up as many of the latter as he can during his sojourn in Scotland.

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The Annual Boxing Competition open to the Poona Division took place on the race-course from the 24th to the 29th April. The entries from this Battalion and from the Division in general were greater than in previous years. An account of the appearance of our representatives appears or another page.

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European Cooking is now general in the Battalion, the Sergeants' Mess being the latest to work under the modern system. The British soldier, as a rule, is averse to drastic changes in his daily life, and although the system of Mess orderlies is a bit of a "bore" at first, there is little doubt, that, under proper supervision, the cooking by soldiers is much cleaner and consequently, healthier than that of natives.

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With this number, the "*Thin Red Line*" enters upon the eleventh year of its existence To the average reader this fact does not seem of any particular interest, but the past year appears to have been a disastrous one for Regimental journalism, one or two Magazines having had to put "up their shutters." The "Thistle" the journal of the Royal Scots has been one of the number, an occurrence regretted by all, and the cause was the usual one, "want of support." We trust, however, the "Thin Red Line" will never have this recorded of it, and as our circulation is at present at its highest point, we have little fear but that the support which has been given during the past year will be continued in the future.

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The death of Lieutenant General Traill-Burroughs, an account of whose services appears on another page, will probably re-open the discussion on that much vexed question, "Who was first through the breach at the fall of the Secundrabagh in the Mutiny Campaign?" After reading

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the personal account which appears in the "Records of the XCIII Highlanders" supported by the account in Lieutenant Colonel Gordon-Alexander's book "The Recollections of a Highland Subaltern," it would seem that our late Colonel-in-Chief was hardly dealt with in not being awarded the Victoria Cross.

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Captain Elphinston and Lieutenant and Adjutant J. Kennedy have each been granted three months' leave, and Lieut. W. J. Cunninghame two months leave in India, while Lieutenant O. C. Herbert has returned from leave at home. The latter has taken over the duties of Acting Paymaster, these having been performed by Captain McCandlish in his absence.

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From the supplement to "Life and Work" for April we see that our padre, the Rev. Alan Cant, B.Sc., B.D., has returned from leave. As Mr. Cant is endeavouring, we believe, successfully, to get up a choir, the services are likely to be more attractive in future, but at present the musical part of the parade service is much enhanced by the introduction of some dozen odd violinists from the Band.

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The new "Infantry Training" has arrived and with it, "Assembly formation." that bugbear of junior Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers. disappears. There do not seem to be many or striking changes in the new drill, squad drill remaining almost the same, and although some new designations of positions have been introduced, the positions are the same. In dismissing, the old move of turning to the right before breaking off has been reintroduced.

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Lieutenant R. R. Forbes has passed a Course of Mounted Infantry Training at the School of Instruction.

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It is pleasing to again chronicle the success of our crack Cyclists at the recent Bombay meeting. First and foremost Piper John Wright secured the blue riband of Indian Cyclists in winning the five miles championship, beating Fay of the 10th Hussars, the British Army Champion, and thereby becoming the possessor of a fine silver cup. "Jock" also secured a second place in the mile championship, and in addition, a special prize of a silver watch for the best riding. Private Gray did well in the handicap match, being placed second in the two miles, and third in the three and five mile handicaps. Lance Corporal Carlyle won his heat in the mile, but unfortunately had a nasty spill in the final just when his chances were at their best.

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The Regimental Theatre has lately been visited by several touring companies, and some of the "Gaffs" have been worth going to see,—others haven't. After the visit of the "Hans Drewitz Company," the popular cakewalk was quite fashionable in the Battalion, (off parade, of course) and the latest London success now rings hoary in our ears.

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Major-General Richardson, Commanding the Poona District, having proceeded to England on six months' leave, Major-General A. G. Creagh, C.B., has been appointed to command in his absence.

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Apropos of the death of Lieutenant General Traill-Burroughs, some few weeks ago the members of the Sergeants' Mess forwarded a framed copy of a Photograph taken in 1874 of the officers of the Ninety-Third, for the acceptance of our late Colonel-in-Chief. It is with regret, however, that we record the fact that it never reached him, his demise occurring before its arrival. The members of the mess have decided, however, on its being returned here, to hand it to the Officers' Mess for preservation.

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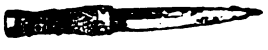
Up to the moment of writing, the Editor regrets he has been unable to arrange for the reproduction of the usual Photo-Supplements in time for this issue. With next issue, however, we will present some interesting Photographs of the recent Regimental Games.



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Football.

BOYS 93RD *v.* BOYS R. F. A., KIRKEE.

Played on Wanowrie Ground on Thursday evening the 27th. The 93rd losing the toss, kicked off against the sun and wind, the latter being very gusty and troublesome. Their forward line worked hard and kept the Artillery goal besieged for a few minutes, but the superior weight of the visitors not infrequently told, with the result that the play became very much give and take. When the Artillery pressed, the Ninety-Third's defence proved sound, McCulloch and McKilligan kicking strongly, while on the wing McLachlan and Blythe had several good attempts. The first half ended without scoring on either side. On resuming, with the wind at their backs, the home lads quickly found the measure of their opponents and after some excellent work between the halfs and forwards, succeeded in scoring. The Artillery bucked up at this and with a heavy rush equalised, Lees having no chance to save. Play remained equal until the whistle blew, the final result being a draw. One goal each.

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Strange doings of an Indian Fakir.

The following account of an Indian Fakir's strange tricks is by an English Officer, who was one of the party present at the time.

Two other officers of the regiment, an army surgeon, and the one who relates the story, had gone on a hunting trip.

After an early dinner they were sitting smoking outside their tent. The rest of the story had better be told in the officer's own words :—

"Suddenly, just before sundown, we noticed an uncanny-looking person coming towards us, grinning like a black devil, salaaming at every step, and mumbling something which none of us could understand. We knew, of course, that our visitor was one of the mountain fakirs, and we calmly waited for him to proceed to business.

"As he put down his bag with great deliberation, the boy accompanying him curled himself up on the ground and seemed to be paying attention to nothing in particular. After a little the old codger produced, seemingly from nowhere, a ball of ordinary cotton string, which had once been white, such string as shop-keepers ordinarily use to tie up light parcels with.

"The man's hair was grey, and his hide was as black as Erebus. He wore a dirty turban and loin cloth, which two articles constituted his apparel. The boy's outfit was no less elaborate.

"After tossing the ball of string about for a while—it was about the size of a billiard ball—he threw it high into the air, retaining the free end of the string in his hand. Up and up went the ball, growing smaller and smaller the higher it travelled, until it disappeared from sight altogether. To all appearances it had sailed up until it reached the nearest stratum of clouds and disappeared behind it. It was the mightiest ball throwing we had ever seen, and was quite sufficient to attract our attention to anything that the old boy might subsequently do—and that was just what he wanted.

"As soon as the ball had disappeared the fakir let go the free end of the string, and there we had a line of cotton twine extending from about 5ft. from the ground up to the Lord knew where When the old man found that the ball remained up in the air, refusing absolutely to come down, no matter how wildly he gesticulated or how loudly he yelled at it, he was apparently much annoyed.

"He tugged and tugged at the cord, but he couldn't pull the ball out of space, and as an evident last resort, he called the boy, told him to climb the cord and bring the ball down. Then we saw the spectacle of a boy 12 or 14 years old climbing hand over hand up a line of cotton twine about the size of a large pin. Up and up, higher and higher, the urchin went, climbing as a sailor climbs a rope. until he, too, had disappeared behind the clouds which hid the ball. When last we saw him he looked to be just about as big as the ball did when it disappeared.

"As soon as the urchin disappeared there was more trouble for the fakir. The boy appeared very well satisfied with the roosting-place he had found, and the old man was no more successful in getting him back to earth than he had been with the ball of twine. Then we did have a sample of splendid rage. The old rascal worked himself up into a perfect fury. He yelled and danced and gesticulated, and gave the best exhibition of a human demon that I ever saw. By way of heightening the effect and increasing our interest in the show, he dropped into broken but intelligible English, the substance of which was :—

"'Am I to be made an idiot of by a ball of string and a fool by a chokera (small boy)? Allah forbid! I will them both teach that they may not trifle with one so old and so wise.'

"Then rushing to the filthy old bag that had been lying all this time on the ground, he thrust an arm into it, and drew forth the most murderous-looking knife I ever saw. It had a curved blade about 9in. long, about 3in. across at the hilt, and tapering to a fine point. Placing the knife between his teeth and grasping the twine in both hands, the old boy, showing marvellous agility for one of his apparent age, went up the cord as the boy had, hand over hand, and in less time than it takes to tell it, he, too, had disappeared from view.

"He had us all going by this time, and we just sat there gaping up into the air like a lot of precious idiots. There was a second's absolute silence, and then an agonizing yell, so piercing that it sunk into one's very bones. Another second, which seemed like an age, and then we saw a dark object come hurtling down from the sky. Down and down it came until it landed only a few feet high from us with a sickening sort of thud. Looking to see what it was, we saw the head of the boy who had climbed the cord lying there severed from the body at about the middle of the neck.

"We hadn't by any means got over the shivery feeling we experienced at seeing the head of the late urchin, when down came an arm cut off through the shoulder joint, and a moment later the other arm also dropped at our feet.

"We were about ready for anything after that, and so were not particularly surprised when a leg, severed at the hip-joint, came along. The other leg followed in due time, and then came the trunk. A moment later, the old man was seen coming down the string, and when he dropped to the ground from the end of it, he was literally

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covered with gore from head to foot. The knife, still held between his teeth, was fairly dripping with blood. His eyes appeared wilder than ever, his features drawn, and he paced back and forth for a few seconds like a chained tiger.

"Then he collected the head, limbs and trunk, and tossed them into the old bag. While watching this action we lost sight of the string and the knife and never saw them again. Slinging the bag over his shoulder, he walked away. We knew this was only a bluff, because he hadn't yet received any backsheesh, and we knew he never would depart without that.

"He had moved off only a few paces when we saw that something was moving inside the bag. The old man stopped, put on a surprised expression, put the bag down on the ground, and in a moment out crawled the boy as sound in wind and limb as he had ever been. The boy began to smile, and the old man, smiling and salaaming, came towards us for his money. This he got in a very liberal amount, and off he went, leaving us standing there, mystified, confused, flabbergasted. We looked about for traces of the recently committed tragedy, but where the ground had been red with blood a moment before not a trace of it was left. There was not the slightest bit of doubt that the boy had been carved up, and there was not the slightest doubt that he had as miraculously come to life again.

"About the carving, the rest of us might have been mistaken, but you didn't fool the doctor. He had been cold-blooded enough to pick up the the different members of the body as they had come tumbling down from the sky, had examined them, and was perfectly positive that the dismemberment had taken place, and had been the work of a skilful surgeon or student of anatomy. That was one of the few performances that I ever saw of the real genuine Hindoo fakirs of the Indian wilds.

"'But how the devil do you account for it all?' asked one of the officer's friends. 'Why there is only one way to account for it,' was the reply. 'We were simply mesmerised or hypnotised by the old boy, and placed in such a mental state that we imagined the whole performance really had been enacted.'

"'But how about the army doctor who handled the dismembered parts?' asked some one else. 'Oh, he was befuddled just like the rest of us. He thought he handled stray arms and legs and heads and trunks, whereas he didn't do anything of the kind.'"

Officer to Pte. P.—"Does that helmet fit you all right, my man?"

Pte. P.—"No Sir, it fits me rather tight around the Collar!"

The Captain's Collapse.

A "BAD" BALLAD.

Captain Lorimer Crichton Buchanan Le Frede
Was the pride of the Chittington Rifle Brigade;
He had "p.s." and "musketry," "signalling" too,
And had passed his exams with a magnified "Q."

He would criticise umpires, instructors rebuke,
And on tactical movements disdainfully look;
But of all his accomplishments none could compare
With the ease with which Crichton Buchanan could swear.

From the Colonel-in-Chief to the latest recruit,
With the Permanent Staff and Instructors to boot,
There wasn't a man but was somewhat afraid
Of the language of Crichton Buchanan Le Frede.

At drills and at field-days or Company shoots,
The terrified privates would shake in their boots,
Even Sergeants were known to escape from parade,
Alarmed at the language of Captain Le Frede!

The whole of the regiment looked on him with dread,
As a Master of Languages, living and dead,—
The whole, save a Major named Ponsonby Phipps,
Who resolved he'd this eloquent Captain eclipse.

"I'll teach," said the Major, "this son of a blank
To usurp the prerogative claimed for *my* rank!
In less than a week from his lips you shall hear
Nothing worse than 'Tut, tut,' or a gentle 'Oh dear!'"

Next morning the Rifles had Company drill,
And Crichton Le Frede cursed his men with a will;
He cursed them at work, and he cursed them at rest,
But this morning his cursing was shorn of its zest.

For Phipps had arranged that the full bugle band,
Should at once blow a "call" at a wave of his hand,
And whenever Le Frede dropped an oath from his lips,
The band got its signal from Ponsonby Phipps.

So as soon as the Captain gave vent to his ire,
The bugles responded at once with "Cease Fire";
And all forcible language would promptly retard
With "Come to the Cook-House" or "Dress for your Guard!"

Just fancy, dear Reader—(if fancy you can,
For in language, of course, you're a temperate man!)—
Just fancy his thoughts when each word as it comes
Is eclipsed by the sound of the bugles and drums!

He cursed round about and he cursed up and down,
While the bugles continued his language to drown;
Till at last he stopped short, of abuses bereft,
For his swears were exhausted—he hadn't one left!

And Crichton next morning was heard to declare
That (until he gets Field Rank) no more will he swear;
Nothing worse (until then) from his lips will you hear
Than a simple "Tut, tut!" or a gentle "Oh, dear!"

SABRE TACHE.

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The Poona Boxing Tournament.

The fifth annual Boxing Tournament opened on Monday, 24th April, 1905, on the General Parade Ground, when the enclosure accommodated an enormous crowd of soldiers and others. Captain Umfreville was at the helm of affairs as Honorary Secretary, but during his illness Lieutenant R. R. Forbes was responsible of the management of the meeting, assisted by Qr. Mr. Sergt. Chinnery. The formidable task of getting things together in ship-shape order, was carried out during the previous week. The ring was excellently lighted with powerful lights, and nothing was left undone to accommodate the spectators comfortably. That boxing has developed into one of the most popular forms of regimental sport was clearly evidenced by the keen interest centred in every contest. The majority of the competitors are as hard as rocks and exceedingly well trained. Many of them bear facial tracings of a pounding in the past. Nothing could be more gratifying to the fighters, as well as to the organisers of this gigantic tournament, than the quality and quantity of the entries. Year by year the list has expanded and this year it has beaten the record. The Middle Weights absorbed the greatest batch of combatants, but the Heavy Weights are comparatively hard up for entries. Right through, the events were contested with that spirit of energy and good temper which belongs exclusively to the British soldier, and the greatest credit reflected upon the management for the successful termination of the first night's exhibition.

At the appointed hour, Colonel Mayne stepped into the ring and said, that in the absence of of General Richardson and General Creagh, he declared the Tournament open.

Colonel Goodwyn next addressed the assembly and said that he was glad to find a large increase in the entries this year and was sure the Tournament would be a success.

Thirteen fights were fixed for the evening. A large proportion of them brought out some well-known pugilists who came from afar, and in the following lines we give an account of the appearance of the Ninety Third's representatives.

FIRST DAY.

Referee.—Colonel Goodwyn, Inspector-General of Gymnasia in India.

Judges.—Colonel Hale, R.A.M.C., and Captain Rose, A.V.D.

Time Keeper.—Mr. Tom LeMesurier, Esq.

Private Halford v. Gunner Green, R.H.A.

The first round was very evenly contested, blow for blow being given, although Halford appeared to stand the fight best. Each got in some heavy body blows. The second round opened with both fighting hard, the gunner unfortunately getting the best of the exchanges, and in the final round hammered the Highlander unmercifully, which the latter took admirably and held out till the last. The judges decided in favour of Gunner Green.

SECOND DAY.

The proceedings were of much greater interest to our men on account of three of our representatives appearing. The fights were as follows.

Officers' Middle Weights, 1st Round.

Lieutenant Porteous, 93rd v. Lieutenant Leapingwell, 97th Infantry.

An interesting bout. Lieutenant Leapingwell had a much longer reach than Lieutenant Porteous, but our man stood well up to his opponent. As most spectators remarked he had a good guard and his fighting was very scientific. He opened the attack with some smart work, but his opponent meeting him well, fighting was very even. The second round was a cautious one, Lieutenant Porteous taking all he got in a good spirit On the third round the Highlander attacked, but Lieutenant Leapingwell retaliated with a vigorous attack driving the 93rd man on to the ropes. Judges' decision in favor of Lieut. Leapingwell.

Light Weights, 1st Round.

Lce.-Cpl. Wright, 93rd v. Pte. Leeson, Connaught Rangers.

Leeson banged away from the start and had Wright on his knees three times in the first round. In the second round Wright made up for all he had lost. It was quick fighting and the blows of both were decidedly effective. In the last round they clutched and on breaking away, Leeson maintained a vigorous attack, but Wrights' defence was strong and he took advantage of every opening in fine style. But Leeson betrayed better science and he rammed in some telling hits. Wright all through was suffering from a sprained thumb, which handicapped him. Decided in favor of Private Leeson.

Middle Weights, 1st Round.

Private Orr, 93rd v. Lce.-Cpl. O'Neill, R. I. Rifles.

It was a give and take business from the commencement of hostilities, and the exchanges were well balanced in the first round, each having worked for the heart. In the second round, O'Neill's attack was great. He landed Orr a couple of stingers on the heart and ribs, but Orr took the punishment without flinching. The fighting was steady and extended. The last round opened with a bit of slogging in which O'Neill was occasionally hit on the face. A second later O'Neill worked up and swung right and left till he got Orr on his knees, with a staggerer over the head, and the Judges decided in favor of the Irishman although Orr fought well.

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INTERMEDIATE WEIGHTS, 2ND ROUND.

Private McDonald, 93rd v. Sergeant Donagh, E. Lancs.

Fighting opened smartly, but McDonald had it nearly all his own way, getting in some telling hits on his opponents face, the Englishman being floored before the round ended. Judges decision in favour of McDonald.

FOURTH DAY.

OFFICERS' LIGHT WEIGHTS, 2ND ROUND.

Lieutenant R. R. Forbes, v. Lieutenant H. B. Hartley.

Both officers having secured byes it was perhaps a bit unfortunate they were drawn against each other as, being both good fighters, it lessened our chances of having two in the final.

Lieut. Forbes opened the attack and caught his opponent a stinger over the ear and jaw. He was decidedly the better of the two and proved it in the first round, when he drove home some hard and fast ones. In the second round, he pummeled away at Lieut. Hartley and swung prettily with his right and left Lieut Hartley made an occasional drive, but missed his mark. In the third round Hartley breasted the storm of blows exceedingly well, and he managed to swing in frequently with considerable effect, but Lieut. Forbes kept on attacking and let drive freely, everyone of his blows being delivered with precision and sound judgment The fight was an interesting one, and was decided in favour of Lieutenant Forbes.

FIFTH DAY.

INTERMEDIATE WEIGHTS: SEMI FINAL.

Private McDonald, 93rd v. Lce-Cpl. Regan, Con. Rangers.

McDonald at once became the aggressor and kept things lively during the first-round. In the second round he continued the motion until Regan had to give in, leaving McDonald in the final round.

SIXTH AND LAST DAY.

OFFICERS' LIGHT WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Lieut. R. R. Forbes v. 2nd Lieut. Brewin.

Although Lieut. Forbes had clearly the better of his man he was not allowed all his own way and had to use his endeavours to keep his opponent off at times. The Highlander had the best of the first round, and though he gave the volunteer some severe hits in the second round, the latter took them well. The last round decided the match for Lieutenant Forbes, who thus wins the Silver Cup.

INTERMEDIATE WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Private McDonald v. Dr. Dawson, R.H.A.

The first round was clearly in favor of McDonald and in the second he made no mistake about it, the Artilleryman being knocked silly in a few moments.

McDonald thus wins the 1st prize, a SILVER CUP and Rupees 100, and in addition a special prize of Rupees 50 given by the judges to the most scientific fighter in any class.

The Boys' Competition.

The first round was fought in the Gymnasium on 26th instant, the draw being as follows:—

Boy McCulloch, 93rd *v.* Boy Davis, 93rd.

Boy Holland, 93rd *v.* Boy Upshon, R.F.A.

Boy Davis having scratched, there remained only the fight between Holland and Upshon. This resulted in a defeat for our representative, and the victor having been drawn against McCulloch in the next round a good fight was expected.

Both Boys were on a par as far as weight went. Upshon, with his pretty and effective swings, opened the attack and followed McCulloch over the ring in the first round. There was not much to decide between the skill of the two, till Upshon broke in with a couple of deadly jabs. McCulloch attempted to retaliate, but Upshon was strong on his guard and avoided the onslaught. In the second round Upshon's superiority was marked. He made some impressions upon McCulloch, who, however, took his punishment without twisting a muscle. A foul was claimed against Upshon by partisans, but it was disallowed, and the fight went on vigorously, the exchanges being skilful though painfully effective upon McCulloch. But he fought on. In the last round McCulloch looked groggy, and Upshon too seemed tired out. They got on to the end right enough, Upshon being complete master of the situation, the judges decision being in his favour.

SPECIAL 4 ROUNDS CONTEST.

1½ MINUTES EACH ROUND.

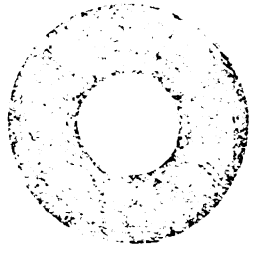
Boy Jones, East Lancs (6-2).

vs.

Boy Davis, A. & S. Highlanders (6-6).

The fight. Davis opened the attack and drove Jones round the ring, occasionally getting in a few clean hits over the heart, but Jones was not to be outdone. He rammed in a couple of stingers and drew blood. In the second round Davis continued to attack and held the advantage. In the third and fourth rounds, they had a smart set to, but Davis was quicker with the gloves and got in some stunners which Jones, however, stood gamely. The fight was smart and skilful right through and at the end of it, the contestants received a shower of applause.

Boy Davis Won.



OVERHEARD AT PRACTICAL MUSKETRY.—Smart young N.C.O. in command of a Section produces field glasses to survey position, but forgets to focus them, consequently he sees nothing and wears a worried look. A Private in the Section suggests that he should focus them, to which smart Sergeant replies: "I'd watch focussing them, cost 52 dibs."

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Obituary.

THE LATE LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR F. W. TRAILL-BURROUGHS, K.C.B.

The last mail of the month brought us the startling and undreamt of intelligence that the death had occurred at London, on the ninth April, 1905, of our recently appointed Colonel-in Chief, Sir Frederick William Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., of Rousay and Viera. Following so soon upon the death of General Sir John Ewart, the announcement came as a surprise to all, it being a matter of deep regret that our Veteran Chief did not long survive to hold the honour of which he was so proud. During the past twelve months, death has laid a heavy hand on our veterans, and this last is the heaviest of all. A brave and fearless soldier, he will be missed by many, as although for several years he has led the retired life of a county gentleman, he was in constant correspondence with and took a great interest in the friends of the Regiment.

The following is a record of his services :—

Lieutenant-General Sir William Frederick Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., Colonel of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was the eldest son of General Frederick William Burroughs, of the Bengal Army, and grandson of Sir William Burroughs, of Castle Bagshawe, County Cavan. Through his mother, the only daughter of Captain Charles Adolphus Marie de Peyron, of the 3d Bengal Light Cavalry, he was the greatgrandson of the Chevalier Charles Adrien de Peyron, who was killed in a duel in Paris 1777 by Count de la Marck. He was educated at Kensington Grammar School, at Blackheath Grammar School, and in Switzerland.

Sir Frederick William Traill-Burroughs was gazetted Ensign in the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders on the 31st March, 1848, being then just 17 years of age, and in 1854 became a Captain. He served with the Regiment in Bulgaria, and throughout the Crimean War, took part in the Battles of the Alma, Balaklava, (in which battle he commanded the Left Centre Company of the The Thin Red Line,) and throughout the Siege of Sebastopol ; and was present at the assaults of the 18th June and 8th September, 1855, and the fall of the Sebastopol. He also took part in the expeditions to and capture of Kertch and Yenikhale.

The Indian Mutiny campaign of 1857-58 again saw the 93rd Highlanders under their old chief, Colin Campbell, and Captain Burroughs had the fortune to serve with his regiment throughout all the fighting which preceded the relief and the final capture of Lucknow. He was the first, or one of the first, through the breach at the storming of the Secundrabagh, and with Lieutenant Gordon Alexander and some dozen men overpowered the gate guard. For this service, in which he received a slight tulvar cut on the head, he was recommended for, but did not get, the Victoria Cross ; but his conduct on this and other occasions, such as the battle of Cawnpore, the storming of the Beegum Khotee, and, finally, the capture of Lucknow (where he was severely wounded), was rewarded at the close of the campaign with the brevet of Major. The wounds he received in the Mutiny campaign disabled him for two years, and compelled him to return home ; but he rejoined his regiment in India in 1860, and in 1862, being then still a Captain and Brevet Major, succeeded to the temporary command of the 93rd, which lost two commanding officers within ten days of each other through an outbreak of cholera. He took the regiment over the River Indus at a ferry at Neilab below the fort of Attock, after which there were no further cases of cholera He was thanked for his services by the Governor General in Council. In that year he obtained his substantive majority, and two years later, being then in his 34th year, became Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the 93rd. Although he held the command of the regiment for nearly ten years, his only further active service was in the Umbeyla Pass in 1863-64, where he was again mentioned in despatches. He became a Colonel in 1869, and after going on half pay in 1873, commanded the 1st Brigade of the Orkney Artillery Volunteers till 1880 when he became Major-General, and retired in 1881 with the rank of Lieutenant-General. He received the Companionship of the Bath in 1873 and the Knight Commandership in 1904, in which year also he was transferred from the Colonelcy of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment to that of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. General Traill-Burroughs, who assumed the name of Traill when he succeeded to the estates in the Orkney Islands of his grand-uncle, Mr. G. W. Traill, of Viera, married, in 1870, Eliza D'Oyly, youngest daughter of Colonel William Geddes, C.B., Bengal Horse Artillery.

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Letter to the Editor.

155, MONTROSE STREET,
Glasgow, 3rd April, 1905.

THE EDITOR,
The Thin Red Line.

DEAR SIR,

I have to thank you very much for your kindness in sending me your paper so regularly. It gives me great pleasure in my closing years of life to know that I am remembered by the old Regiment. I am proud to see by the February issue of your paper that my old comrade Forbes Mitchell, has brought out another book and that it will prove a great success.

On the other side I note a little incident which comes to my memory and which may interest you.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) JAMES HUTTON,
Late Col.-Sergeant, 93rd Highlanders.

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(The incident referred to appears on another page. We are always glad to hear from any of the old members of the Regiment, and Colour Sergeant Hutton's letter is all the more appreciated owing to the fact that he now ranks among the oldest survivors of the Crimean Campaign.—Ed.)

ONE REASON FOR NOT RESIGNING.—Private Shivers, 20th Volunteer Rifles. "Yes, I did think aboot handin' in ma gun and claes, but, man, ye ken its sae cauld at resignin' time I canna sum up courage tae dae it." Young Volunteer : "What dae yae mean ?" Pte. Shivers : "Weel, ye see, the wife says ma greatcoat mak's sic a fine bedcover thae cauld nichts !"

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Shooting.

Regimental Shooting Club Doings.

The Meeting of the Committee, held under Major Vallancey, decided that, to suit all ranks and enable everyone to test the sighting of their new rifle, shooting on Thursdays would start at 200 yards, and at every succeeding distance afterwards. The first Thursday, however, had to be one of miniature cartridge conditions the range being under repair. Some excellent scores were made on this occasion.

Thursday, 13th April. Seven rounds, five to count, at 3rd Class target. Distance 100 yards. Miniature Cartridge ammunition. The following were the prize winners. (Class "A" marksmen; Class "B" 1st class shots; Class "C" 2nd class shots and Class "D" Recruits and 3rd class shots.)

Class "A" (Total Entries 36.)

Private	Malcolm	"F" Company.	1st	24	Rs.	6.
,,	Elliot	"E" ,,	2nd	24	,,	6.
,,	Darwood	"C" ,,	3rd	23	,,	5.

Class "B" (Total Entries 49.)

Drummer	Allan	"D" Company,	1st	23	Rs.	5.
Private	Hannah	"A" ,,	2nd	23	,,	5.
,,	Daily	"H" ,,	3rd	22	,,	4.
,,	Polson	"H" ,,	4th	22	,,	4.
,,	Turnbull	"H" ,,	5th	22	,,	4.

Class "C" (Total entries 60.)

Private	Gallacher	"B" Company,	1st	25	Rs.	5.
,,	Marshall	"D" ,,	2nd	23	,,	3.
,,	Forson	"G" ,,	3rd	23	,,	3.
,,	Gahan	"H" ,,	4th	23	,,	3.
,,	Palmer	"H" ,,	5th	23	,,	3.
,,	Taylor	"D" ,,	6th	23	,,	3.
Lcl. Cpl.	Gibson	"F" ,,	7th	23	,,	3.

Class "D" (Total Entries 20).

Private	Walker	"A" ,,	1st	21	Rs.	3.
,,	Haworth	"H" ,,	2nd	20	,,	2.
,,	Dunne	"E" ,,	3rd	20	,,	2.

Thursday, 20th April. Seven rounds, five to count, at 3rd Class Bisley target. Service Ammunition. Classes as before.

Class "A" (Total Entries 55.)

Corporal	Stewart	"F" Company	1st	24	Rs.	5.
Private	Lawrie	"H" ,,				
Lce. Cpl.	Kirkland	"G" ,,	2nd	23	,,	5.
,,	Swan	"B" ,,				

(Class "B" (Total Entries 67.)

Lce. Cpl.	Hutchison	"D" Coy.				
Private	Smith	"F" ,,	1st	22	Rs.	5.
,,	Scambler	"F" ,,				
Corporal	Jamieson	"B" ,,				
Private	Polson	"H" ,,	2nd	21	,,	4.

Class "C" (Total Entries 62.)

Private	McDonald	"F" Coy.				
,,	Miller	"B" ,,	1st	21	Rs.	5.
,,	Palmer	"H" ,,				
,,	Graham	"F" ,,				
,,	Robertson	"F" ,,	2nd	20	,,	3.
,,	Wilson	"B" ,,				
Lce. Cpl.	Erskine	"F" ,,				
Private	Forson	"G" ,,				

Class "D" (Total Entries 14).

Private Howarth "H" Coy. 1st Score 21 Rs. 4.

Sergeants' Competition, (Entries 12.)

Sergeant Stobie, "A" Company, Score 23 Rs. 5.

Thursday, 27th April. Seven rounds, five to count, at 3rd Class Bisley Target. Distance 300 Yards.

Class "A" (Total Entries 41.)

Private	Elliot	"E" Company	1st	19	Rs.	8.
Drummer	Shirley	"A" ,,	2nd	18	,,	4.
Private	Rice	"G" ,,	3rd	18	,,	4.
,,	Clanahan	"A" ,,	4th	18	,,	4.

Class "A" (Total Entries 53.)

Private	Thomson	"F" Company	1st	18	Rs.	5.
Lce. Cpl.	Gray	"H" ,,	2nd	18	,,	5.
Private	Findlay	"H" ,,	3rd	18	,,	5.
,,	McMaster	"A" ,,	4th	17	,,	4.
,,	Powell	"G" ,,	5th	17	,,	4.

Class "C" (Total Entries 46.)

Private	McDonald	"F" Company	1st	19	Rs.	5.
,,	Gallacher	"B" ,,	2nd	17	,,	4.
,,	Robertson	"F" ,,	3rd	17	,,	4.

Class "D" (Total Entries 46.)

Boy	Grant	"F" Company	1st	15	Rs.	3.

Sergeants' Competition.

Sergeant	Reid	"C" Company	1st	18	,,	5.

ODE TO A MEAT PIE.

1. Please listen to this woeful tale
That I will now rehearse
About the School of Cookery
That Chamber of Commerce.

2. The Army Council lately found
That soldiers were too fat,
And some experts were set to work
To put a stop to that.

3. Their brains to work they set at once.
Says one "I think the rule,
Should be to get some soldier cooks
And start a Cookery School."

4. At half past four each morn they start
And fizz about in groups,
Then they hold lectures twice a day
And learn to feed the Troops.

5. At breakfast time they dance about
And 'tis a sight to see,
The way they make a Company's "cha"
With half an ounce of Tea.

6. But when the Dinners turned out bad
They had to call a halt
And turn to Page B 2 9 5,
And learn to put in salt.

7. The Lectures with the Blackboard too
Are given with splendid force,
Each man must learn to make the "cha"
Ere he completes his Course.

8. They do their work in splendid style
They say its something grand,
And when they try to make a paste
They do it by Command.

9. To all the Students in the school
I'm sure this means no harm
But when they say that they can cook
Be sure they "Chance their Arms."

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In Barracks.

The following yarn, told by one of our Regimental Police, has an original flavour about it. He, the Policeman, was coming up the Right Flank road about eleven o'clock one night, when he observed a soldier, well under the influence of "Nappy Johnstone" kicking wildly at a lamppost and shouting "Are ye no gaun tae open the door!" Our friend going up to him, said "What are you doing there!" "Why," was the reply, "can't you see! Aa want tae be in, an they winna let me!" "Get away with ye, you donkey," said the Policeman, "there's nobody living there." "Wha are ye tellin' that tae," responded the inebriate, "Canna ye see the licht in the upstairs window!"

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When walking around barracks the other morning I was accosted by a soldier, garbed in a faded uniform the original colour of which may have been dark blue, but was then like a moonlight night. In the course of our conversation he asked if I could tell him why European cooking resembled some famous chapters of French History. On my confessing my inability to do so, he drily informed me that a meal under the new system was like unto French history because,—(don't faint)—there was a good deal of "Bony-part" about it.

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The new Edition of "Infantry Training" has at last reached us, and it grieves me to see that there are still several inaccuracies in it. One of these is the command "Atten-tion." Who ever heard this word of command given on parade as it is written? What would happen if you went and called out to your squad "Atten-tion. Marked drill probably. Everybody knows that the proper command is "Shun," and in this fashion do I advocate its being so printed in the next edition of "Infantry Training," which at the present rate of progression, we may expect in a month or two, unless the Staff at the War Office are on their summer holidays.

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The Musketry season has commenced, and as usual, some jokes are heard, some new, and others entitled to a good many badges. One of the latter, overheard on the range, was as follows: Jock, after firing his seven rounds at 200 yards, gets up and rubbing his shoulder, remarks "By jings, if ma' gun kicks like that at twa hunner-yairds, a' winder hoo' it will kick at a thousan." (Goes away wondering.)

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It is an extraordinary thing what widely divergent views people may take of a matter which one would imagine would not afford food for argument. A short time ago, a Company officer, well versed in his "Musketry Regulations," assembled his Company at the conclusion of a practice and, strictly in accordance with Paragraph 168 Musketry Regulations, communicated the result as one bullock, practically worthless, slightly wounded; he commented on its value as possibly Rs. 5, and criticised the performance as extremely satisfactory in illustrating the old adage that every bullet found its billet.

Scarcely had he concluded his extremely instructive dissertation, when the owner of the martyr to science, accompanied by nine detectives, appeared on the scene. His criticism on the performance was, I regret to say, scarcely fit for publication. He commented on its value as cheap at Rs. 500, and communicated the result to the astonished officer as a possible action in the law courts.

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They belonged to the "Hielan" Company, and, as usual, after Lights out, were "chewing the rag" on various topics, the last of which was shooting. "They havna' got the hing o' the thing at a'," said Erchie. "They want a good feegure o' merit and a lot o' marksmen, but they dinna ken hoo tae get them. I see the size o' the inner and Magpie rings has been made less, sae what they should dae noo, is tae shift them oot tae the edge o' the target and pit the outer in the middle, then there'll be less "oosters" as maist o' us hit the edge o' the target oftener than the middle." "Ay', jist that," responded Dugal, "jist that."

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Herewith some Military maxims for digestion.

1. Of the sin of falling out.

The miles they are many; the heat it is great,
You're wearied, and ready to stop;
My son, just remember, the place to fall out
Is the place where you blooming well drop.

2. Of Foreign Service.

You are warned for the East—you don't fancy the trip, as the old soldiers jabber their rot,
There be perils—but laziness, liquor and heat knock carnation spots off the lot.

3. Of the noble "gasbag."

When ye hear a man "gassing" of what he has done, or who brags of his future so grand,
Ye may lay your last dollar he's making a mess of the graft that is now to his hand.

4. Of esprit de corps.

He who is sworn to the King, for the King must reserve all his energy, courage, and fire,
But it's but a small fault, when one runs down your Corps, if ye rise up and call him a liar.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT they maun be gran' draught players at the heid office.

That they hiv'na tel't us what the shift is yet.

That it hears its likely to be Karakwasla, (twa companies at a time.)

That it looks like a Brigand when its dressed.

That it only wants a big knife noo.

That the fit'ba' clock is gaun at last.

That if ye want tae ken the time,—ask "F" Company.

That "Assembly Formation" is done awa' wi'.

That it's no sorry.

That "E" Company think that they are a strong troop noo.

That they hae a shield in their Armoury at last.

That the Cakewalk is very popular jist noo.

That the "Lancs" are gey fond o' Kirkee.

That it's got nae mair tae say its sel'.

That the box is empty.

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English as she is wrote.

In the year 1848, a Highlander of the name of Duncan Gillanders, enlisted into the Ninety Third at Aberdeen. As he had his doubts about being a soldier, he was persuaded, at the time of enlistment, that he was only engaged to cut peats for the regiment. On his awakening, however, to the stern realities of a soldier's life, he found that it did not agree with him and accordingly deserted. In a few weeks' time his conscience apparently began to trouble him, and he sent the following characteristic letter to Major Greer, Commanding the Depot.

"PETERHEAD."

"Honoured Major Greer,

She'll be very sorry to tell her that by the time she receives this she'll be no more. She wass drowned in a boat at the fish and her body wass found no more whatever and need'nt look no more for her as she has gone away never to come back.

(Sd.) DUNCAN GILLANDERS."

The letter, needless to say, was handed to the police, and he was brought back, and received the usual punishment.

Home and Depot Notes.

In succession to the late Colonel A. H. Middleton, Major and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Scott-Plummer has been promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and to command the 3rd Battalion.

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Colonel J. M. Hunt, Commanding 91st Regimental District, has been selected to command the Camp of Instruction at Stobs from the 8th of May, 1905.

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Captain D. Darroch, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, has been appointed Superintendent of the Military Prison, Stirling, vice Major A. Aytoun, D.S.O., who has vacated the appointment.

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FROM THE "STIRLING SENTINEL."

There is considerable importance in the reply which Mr. Ian Malcolm obtained from Mr. Arnold-Foster with regard to regimental districts. The right hon. gentleman stated that these districts must go. If that be the ultimate decision of the War Office authorities, all the small Highland depots will be abolished, and the regiments will be grouped under one roof at Perth. All the Lowland regiments, with the Highland Light Infantry, will be gathered at Hamilton. Isn't it time the Stirling Town Council were moving to save the Stirling Castle depot from extinction? It is a curious circumstance that under every kind of Government in this country, it is the War Office that is the greatest muddle.

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Second-Lieutenant A. W. R. Sprot has been appointed to the Adjutancy of the Ninety-First, in place of Lieutenant W. G. Neilson, D.S.O., whose tenure of appointment has expired.

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At the Rifle Brigade Point to Point Races held near Alton recently, the Ninety-First team secured third place in the Inter Regimental Match, and in the Mounted Infantry Point to Point Steeplechases the following was the result :—

The 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Race.—For a challenge cup and sweepstake of 1 sov. each : catch-weights over 12st. 7lb.

Mr. Thorpe's Tante ..... Owner 1
Major Patten's Grey Plover..... Mr. Laird 2
Mr. Glen Cunningham's Samidas ..... Owner 3

Also ran : Captain Watson's Clonmell, Mr. Thomson's St. Louis, Mr. Walker's Cruiskeen, Mr. McEwen's Lady, Mr. Neilson's Meath.

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The old rule, that a salute made to two or more officers will be returned by the senior only is revived.

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"EYES FRONT!"

THE TALE OF A GYMNASTIC COURSE.

(with apologies to J.B.D.)

"In nineteen four" the poet sings,
"Our Company" it's said
Put a' the ither sodger chiels,
Absurdly i' the shade."
But noo that squad maun clear a road
For the lads o' nineteen five,
The smairtest set, the Sergeant said,
Was Company number ——

Eh! haud yer tongue! Upon ma life,
O' them there was nae tirin';
An' noo they've muscles on their limbs
As hard as hammered iron.
The Sergeant then gae them a tramp,
An' syne a wee bit trottie,
He saw that they were wullin' chiels,
But saft as glazier's pottie.

An' then by Jove! he yokit in
An' gae them sic a dreelin'!
He tramped them roun' that wud-flaired "gym"
Till their feet were past a' feelin'!
'Twas "On the taes—Rise!" "Hap on left!"
Then "Hap on Right!" "Keep steady!"
An' syne, "Knees up!" an' "As you were!"
But aye that squad was ready.

Gymnastic mairch fair tickled them,
Folk smiled tae see them struttin',
An' lauch'd ootricht when ane exclaimed:
"Guid life! I've lost a button."
An' what wi' bells, an' Indian clubs,
An' dreelin' wi' a rifle,
To try a bout wi' Sandow noo
They'd smile at as a trifle.

Wi' han's on hips, upon their taes,
A' struttin' roun' like bantams;
An' when they got the word "Dismiss,"
They disappeared like phantoms.
But whaur they gaed, I hardly think
It wad be loyal tae tell;
Yet maist folk guess it must hae been
The wide, rough road to ——the canteen.

For twa three days the keeping stap
Was fairly a bamboozler,
An' shair eneuch they a' gaed wrang
Thro' some auld "igorant" foozler,
Wha didna ken the richt frae left
Excep' he'd ae fit caulkit;
An' whiles anither wad fa' oot
An' swear his back was rackit.

But that was just a ploy, ye ken,
Tae get a wee bit breath,
An' richt eneuch, for I think the man
Was wrought near han' to death,—
At least the story gaes that ane,
Wi' sanctimonious air
Was seen ama' the kirkyaird stanes
Prospectin' for a lair.

But that's as may be. Here's a point
I'm shair we're a' agreed on:
That whether thin or unco stoot
It's dreel's the thing tae feed on.
Your legs an' airms soon change their shape,
Your chest its situation,
An' when it comes tae feedin' time
You want a double ration.

Football.

INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE.

"H" *versus* "G," 25th March. Curious enough the final result in this match was similar to that of the first meeting of these teams. Play was too lacakadasical to excite much interest. Result a draw. No scoring.

"C" *versus* "A." "C" were anxious to secure another couple of points in order to strengthen their place in the league, but although they were fully value for a win, they had to be content with the draw. Result "C" 1, "A" 1.

"D" *versus* "B." Draws appeared to be the order of the day and this match was no exception. The clock-holders tried hard to score, their forward line getting in some fine work, but "B's" defence had a good deal of luck and always managed to clear. Result a draw. No scoring.

"H" *versus* "E." Another of the same. A draw. "H" if anything had the best of the exchange, but their custodian was always there. A high wind and dust spoiled the play entirely. Result "H" 1, "E" 1.

"G" *versus* "F." The light blues had all the best of the game, being value for more than the result shows. "G" were occasionally dangerous but the defensive line of "F" were ever on the alert. Result "F" 2, "G" 1.

"D" *versus* "A." "D" played well from the start and bombarded their opponents' goal, scoring early in the match. "A" then took up the running, giving the clock-holders an anxious moment or two, but their play dropped off latterly leaving "D" winners by 3 goals to 1.

"C" *versus* "B." "C" being well in the running for the championship meant no mistake about the points, but "B" played up well and the issue was in doubt up to the last moment. "B" have been rather unfortunate, several times the least bit of luck would have given them a point or two, but it was not to be. The game ended by "C" company winning by the rather narrow margin of 1 goal against 0.

"E" *versus* "G." The Grenadiers were unfortunate to lose, the shooting of the best shooting company being a "tora" wild at times. A draw would have been a better index of the game. Result "E" 1, "G" 0.

"H" *versus* "F." A surprise victory for "H," popular fancy backing the light blues. The latter played better in the last part of the game, but "H" playing on the defensive held out till the end. Result "H" 1, "F" 0.

"E" *versus* "A." Another case of popular opinion gone wrong, "E" being unlucky to lose, imperilling their chance of the league. They had the most of the game but could not score. Result "A" 1, "E" 0.

"G" *versus* "B." An evenly contested game, the exchanges being alternately favourable to each team. "B's" otherwise safe defence could not keep their opponents in check, the game resulting in a win for "G" by 2 goals to 0.

"F" *versus* "C." A big turnout witnessed this game, both teams being favourites for the championship. If anything "F" were the best, but both were well matched, the result, no scoring being a good index to the play.

"E" *versus* "D." Both teams being anxious to improve their positions, an exciting game in the first half was witnessed. "E" were latterly outplayed, however, "D" kicking strongly, and only the excellent defence of "E" saved a bigger score. Result "D" 3, "E" 0.

"F" *versus* "A." "A" Company played up well and fully deserved the odd point. But they were no match for "F," and only the mediocre play of the latter gave them the draw. Result "A" 1, "F" 1.

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"H" *versus* "B." The first meeting having resulted in a draw, a good match was looked for, and the spectators were not disappointed. "H" looked the winners all through, but "B" often kept them in hand. An occasional breakaway of the latter enlivened the game, "H's" goal running some narrow escapes. Result "H" 3, "B" 0.

"G" *versus* "C." "C" Company having improved since the first match between these teams were determined to reverse the result. They did it too, but it took them some hard work, the luck of "G" and occasionally the play, being very indifferent. The wind and sun spoiled the play in the first half, but later on some good passing was witnessed. Result "C" 2, "G" 0.

"F" *versus* "D." Both teams being well matched a a large crowd of spectators turned out to witness the game and were rewarded with an excellent exhibition. Each team had the same measure of the game, "D's" forward line being well supported, and "F's" defence being as sound as could be wished for, and a draw, would have been a better criterion of the play. Result "F" 3, "D" 2.

"H" *versus* "A." Again the meeting of the first and the last resulted in a draw, a suitable result from the play of both teams. Result —a draw—one goal each.

"E" *versus* "B." Considered a sure thing for "E" but "B" gave them a hard game and scored two goals against them, a feat to be proud of, no other team except "D" having taken more than one of them. The second half saw "E" Company masters of the game, however, the final result being "E" 3, "B" 2.

"H" *versus* "C." "H" Company's usual, a draw, they having more draws to their credit than anyone else. "C" had the most of the play and were unlucky in not getting full points. Result, "H" 1, "C" 1.

"G" *versus* "D." The heaviest defeat of the season. "D" played rings round "G," and were deadly at the goal mouth as the result shows. Once or twice the Grenadiers ran up, but were easily turned by "D's" defenders. Result, "D" 7, "G" 0.

"A" *versus* "E." "A" having unexpectedly taken full points from off "E" at their last meeting, "E" made no mistake about it this time. They pressed from the start and were successful in scoring. "A" were never dangerous, but played well on the defensive; "E" continued to press and the whistle sounding left them winners by 3 goals to 0.

"C" *versus* "F." The finish of the league now being in sight an exciting match was anticipated. Both teams were evenly matched, and their first meeting resulted in a draw. Over anxious play spoiled many a good run, and at times the kicking was rather wild. History repeated itself again the final result being a draw—no scoring.

"D" *versus* "E." "D" could not afford to lose this match as it materially affected their place at the head of the league. Their forwards worked well, but their opponent's defence proved equal, and the game ended in a draw—no scoring.

"A" *versus* "F." "F" made no mistake about their victory, the full points making them tie with last year's winners. From the start of the game they pressed and were full value for the result which was "F" 4, "A" 1.

"B" *versus* "H." When "H" play—look out for a draw, and this game proved no exception. Both teams worked hard but the play was of a very give and take nature. Final result a draw—one goal to each.

"C" *versus* "G." The Grenadiers came away strong and after a stiff fight got the full points from off "C." The latter's play was much below the usual standard, the fact that they had lost their chance of the championship perhaps having something to do with it. Result—"G" 3, "C" 2.

THE FINAL LEAGUE GAME.

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"D" *versus* "H."

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These two teams having tied in the Inter-Company League, the deciding match was played on Saturday evening. "D" losing the toss, kicked off, "F" having the sun and wind at their backs in the first half. The teams lined up as follows:—

"D" Company.
(Goal)
Private Coyle.
(Backs).
Private Mowatt and Lce. Cpl. Reid.
(Half backs)
Private Grady, Corporal McMaster, and Private McLay.
(Forwards)
Lce. Cpl. Galbraith and Pte. Watson, Pte. Dunn, Ptes. Houston and Pollock.

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Privates Turnbull, Wright, Cowan, Auchinvole and Faichney.
(Forwards)
Lce. Cpl. Hempseed, Privates Duncan and Wilson.
(Half backs.)
Private Collins, Sergeant Markey.
(Backs)
Private Watson.
(Goal)
"F" Company.
Referee, Private Forrest.

From the start it appeared that "D" Company in their attempt to retain the clock, were going to play a cautious game, while their opponents were quite willing to hustle them on a bit. Play of a slow give and take nature was the order for a short time after opening, each side having periodic bursts for goal, indeed Coyle if anything had the most work in the first half, several of his saves being exceptionally smart. The clockholders' backs miskicked not infrequently placing their own goal in danger, the scrimmages around it being responsible for a few hard lines. "F" Company's defence played well Markey and Hempseed being particularly strong, and although their forward division was well fed by the halfs, they always failed at the crucial moment. Half time came and neither side having scored, excitement ran high, although the consensus of opinion was in favour of the "light blues."

"F's" game in the second half was a strong one, the defence of "D" being severely tried. For an infringement, the referee gave a penalty against "D" and Auchinvole taking the kick, scored. "D" tried hard to equalise, and several times looked likely to do so. Both goals were in danger alternately but it soon became evident that only a piece of luck would save the clock for another year. However it came not, and about five minutes from time, one of "D's" backs having been ordered off the field, apparently for loosing his temper regarding a decision of the referee, the game practically ended, and the whistle sounding left "F" Company the possessors of the Clock and badges for the fifth time.

The following are the winners of the clock since its institution.

1888-89	...	..."F" Company.
1889-90	...	.. "H" "
1890-91	...	.. "A" "
1891-92	...	..."C" "
1892-93	...	..."G" "
1893-94	...	..."B" "
1894-95	...	..."A" "

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1895-96	...	..."E" Company.
1896-97	...	..."F" ,,
1897-98	...	..."F" ,,
1898-99	...	..."F" ,,
1899-1900	...	..."G" ,,
1900-01	...	..."B" ,,
1901-02	...	..."G" ,,
1902-03	...	..."C" ,,
1903-04	...	..."D" ,,
1904-05	...	..."F" ,,

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE: 1904-1905.

Coy.	Matches Played	Matches			Goals Scored		Points
		Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	
D	14	8	3	3	26	12	19
F	14	8	3	3	23	12	19
E	14	7	4	3	17	10	17
C	14	6	3	5	18	11	17
H	14	4	2	8	13	10	16
G	14	4	8	2	13	23	10
A	14	2	7	5	9	21	9
B	14	1	10	3	9	28	5

The following Table shows the results of the matches played.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A Coy. ...		0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	1	0	2	1	2	1
B ,, ...	2		0	0	0	0	0	1	1		0	1	0	0	0	0
C ,, ...	2	2		0	1	1	0	2	1	2		2	0	1	2	1
D ,, ...	2	2	2		1	2	2	1	2	1	0		2	0	2	0
E ,, ...	2	2	1	1		0	2	0	0	2	2	0		2	2	1
F ,, ...	2	2	1	0	2		2	2	1	2	1	2	0		2	0
G ,, ...	2	2	2	0	0	0		1	0	2	0	0	0	0		1
H ,, ...	1	1	0	1	2	0	1		1	2	1	2	1	2	1	

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THE LATE COLONEL A. H. MIDDLETON.

A brother officer of the late Colonel Middleton writes some interesting details regarding his late comrade.

As a Captain the deceased officer commanded "A" Company, and on leaving the Ninety-Third he at first settled at Stirling but afterwards moved to Bardowie near Milngavie. No house was better known to old soldiers than his, and no distressed comrade-in-arms appealed to him for assistance in vain. He was exceedingly popular in both Stirlingshire and Dumbartonshire, and his presence will be missed at the annual gatherings of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association, and the other bodies with which he was connected.

Colonel Middleton in addition to having travelled over nearly the whole of the globe, was a great reader, and consequently a well informed man, and "Alf" as he was familiarly called will be missed by many.

The following incident serves to illustrate his methods as a company officer.

During Military Training, which in those days lasted six weeks, he marched his Company from Maryhill Barracks to Helensburgh (twenty miles) under service conditions. Rations were carried and dinners cooked by the men on arrival at their destination, the return journey being accomplished by train, the expense being borne by the Company Officers.

Ninety-Third Calendar for June, 1905.

1	Th.	Battalion 1,175 strong, fully armed and equipped for field service—Curragh, 1878.
2	F.	Lieut.-Genl. William Sutherland d. colonel 1862.
3	S.	Nos. 3, 7, and 8 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Adrian Hope, emb. Plymouth on *Belleisle*, for China, 1857. Lieut.-General Alex. Fisher Macintosh, K.H., Colonel, 1862.
4	S.	Col. George Johnstone, Major-General, 1814, Lieut.-General Sir Thos. Hislop, Bart., G.C.B. to 51st Foot, 1822, Lieut.-General Sir Hudson Lowe, K.C.B., Colonel 1822, Head-quarters and remainder Companies under Lieut.-Col. Leith Hay, reviewed at Gosport by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Lieut.-Genl. William Sutherland, Colonel, 1860.
5	M.	Become holders for one year of the Beatty Challenge Shield, 1900.
6	Tu.	
7	W.	
8	Th.	
9	F.	Re-embarked Yenikale for Balaklava, 1855.
10	S.	Attack on the Political Officer's escort at Maizar, Waziristan, 1897.
11	S.	
12	M.	
13	Tu.	Sailed with 1st Division to Varna, 1854.
14	W.	Portsmouth to Woking, 1853.
15	Th.	Disembarked Plymouth from Cape, 1814; strength 52 sergeants, 22 Drummers, 944 men. Landed Varna, 1854. Aberdeen to Edinburgh Castle, 1871.
16	F.	Re-embarked Crimea on H.M.S. *Siden* for England, 1856; Head-quarters, embarked Portsmouth on S.S. *Mauritius* for China, 1857.
17	S.	Right Wing Team win Ranikhet Football Tournament, 1901. Lieut.-General Sir George Luck, K.C.B., named new Drill Square and Recreation Ground at Ranikhet "The Sutherland Recreation Ground," 1901.
18	S.	First assault on Sebastopol, 1855 (93rd in position on Woronzoff Rd.). Orders to mobilise for Tochi Expedition received, Nowshera, 1897. Gen. Sir J. A. Ewart, G.C.B., died Colonel, 1904.
19	M.	Lieut.-Gen Sir F. W. Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., Colonel, 1904.
20	Tu.	
21	W.	Thermometer registered 119° in heavily shaded verandah of officers' quarters, Nowshera, 1896. Detachment from Cherat rejoined head-quarters for Tochi F.F. 1897.
22	Th.	
23	F.	
24	S.	Royal Review at Windsor before Her Majesty and the Shah of Persia, 1813.
25	S.	
26	M.	Inspection by General Ellis, Commanding Peshawar District, before proceeding on Field Service, 1897.
27	Tu.	Left Nowshera in two troop trains for Kushalgarh, 1897: strength, 775. John Hasluck Campbell, Lieut.-Col., 1899. Stanley Paterson, Lieut.-Col., 1903.
28	W.	Detrained Kushalgarh, 1897, and left same evening for Edwardesabad.
29	Th.	
30	F.	

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, DATED 14TH MARCH, 1905.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland) Highlanders, 2nd Lieutenant W. J. Cunninghame to be Lieutenant *vice* G. A. Akers-Douglas, seconded 13th December, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 8195. Drummer J. Laird, "B" Coy., dated 7th April, 1905.
No. 5853, Private J. Brown, "G" Coy., dated 28th April, 1905.

To be temporary Lance Corporal whilst employed in the Government Telegraph Office.

No. 6863, Private T. A. Gamble, "A" Company.

To be Drummer.

No. 6879, Private D. Clark, "G" Coy., dated 14th April, 1905.

To be Pipers.

No. 9400, Boy J. Aitken, "G" Coy., dated 8th April, 1905.
No. 9356, Boy G. Davie, "F" Coy., dated 8th April, 1905.

To be Acting Bandsman.

No. 7722, Private W. Dunsmore, "H" Coy., dated 26th April, 1905.

To be Regimental Signaller.

No. 7704, Private T. Jack, "D" Coy., dated 1st April, 1905.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I., at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 6331, Pte K. Jamieson. | No. 7505, Pte. T. Cunnion.

"B" Company.

No. 7492, Pte. G. Douglas. | No. 5504, Pte. G. Stevenson.

"C" Company.

No. 7522, Pte. W. Clarke. | No. 7467, Pte. J. McLuckie.
No. 7501, Corporal J. McKinley.

"D" Company.

No. 7496, Pte. T. Burns. | No. 7368, Pte. W. Sherlaw.
No. 7651, Pte. J. Stephenson. | No. 7814, Pte. J. McIntosh.

"E" Company.

No. 7521, Pte. J. McGregor. | No. 7516, Pte. P. Paton.
No. 4949, Lce.-Cpl. J. Chalmers.

"H" Company.

No. 4380, Pte. T. Cameron.

Class I at Sixpence.

"A" Company.

No. 7929, Pte. G. Paterson. | No. 6780, Pte. W. Broadfoot.
No. 9199, Lce.-Cpl. A. W. Maun.

"C" Company.

No. 9055, Pte. J. Davidson.

"D" Company.

No. 8060, Pte. A. Crawford. | No. 7508, Pte. J. Tennant.
No. 6063, Pte. H. G. Munro.

"F" Company.

No. 7370, Pte. P. Mullen. | No. 8314, Pte. H. Wainwright.

"G" Company.

No. 9186, Pte. W. J. McKilligan.

GOOD CONDUCT PAY AND BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Restored 1d. G. C. Pay.

No. 7089, Pte. D. Stewart, "B" Company.

Granted three G. C. Badges.

No. 4715, Pte. J. Millar, "E" Company.
,, 4761, Lce.-Cpl. A. Bowe, "H" Company.

Granted two G. C. Badges.

"C" Company.

No. 7522, Pte. W. Clarke. | No. 7431, Pte. A. Mather.

"D" Company.

No. 7207, Pte. D. McKenzie.

"E" Company.

No. 7479, Pte. R. Henderson. | No. 7514, Pte. A. Kenaway.
,, 7521, ,, J. McGregor. | ,, 5320, ,, J. Davis.

"G" Company.

No. 5340, Pte. M. W. Fogg. | No. 5327, Pte. R. West.
No. 7464, Private J. Paul.

"H" Company.

No. 4784, Pte. W. Strachan. | No. 5478, Pte. J. Dailly.

Granted one G.C. Badge

"A" Company.

No. 7071, Pte. J. Connelly. | No. 9134, Pte. J. Bowler.
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No. 7121, Pte. A. Reid.

"D" Company.

No. 7376, Pte. T. A. Potter. | No. 9079 Pte. A. Dunn.
,, 7750, ,, J. Black. | ,, 9182 ,, J. Mitchell.
No. 7499, Pte. J. Munro.

"E" Company.

No. 9175, Pte. H. Bridges. | No. 5288, Pte. W. Stewart.
,, 9198, ,, J. McIntosh. | ,, 6809, ,, J. Morrison.

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"G" Company.

No. 9186, Pte. W. J. McKilligan.
No. 9177, Pte. J. Marshall.

"H" Company.

No. 5409, Pte. J. Wilson. | No. 9194, Pte. J. Butterworth.
No. 9183, Bdsm. C. G. McKilligan.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted First class Certificates in Gymnastics and Swordsmanship dated at Lucknow, 22nd March, 1905.

No. 7432, Private A. Millar "D" Company
,, 7039, ,, W. McFadden, "G" Company.
,, 5936, ,, J. Meniff (late of "H" Company.)

Granted a special Cooking Certificate dated 1st April 1905.

No. 4058, Sergeant J. Buchanan, "G" Company.

MEDALS.

Granted "African General Service Medal" with Clasp "Somaliland" 1902-04.

No. 3077, Colour Sergeant C. Johnstone, "D" Company.
No. 6202, Sergeant J. McInnes, "B" Company.

LANGUAGES.

Passed Lower Standard Urdu (Part I) at Bombay.

No. 7564, Pioneer Sergeant J. H. Snowdon, "G" Coy., dated 6th March, 1905.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years service.

No. 4983, Sergeant M. Rutherford, "H" Company.
No. 4834, Private D. Carr, "H" Company.

Extended to complete 12 years service with the Colours.

No. 6603, 1st Class Sgt. Instructor S. Hayward, U.L.
,, 6457, Private R. McCallum, "G" Company.
,, 6418, ,, J. McKenzie, U. L.

Extended to complete 8 years service with the Colours.

No. 9186, Private W. J. McKilligan, "G" Company.

Regimental Numbers allotted.

No. 9711, to Private T. Forrest, "A" Company.
,, 9712, ,, ,, A. Seath, ,, ,,

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Recruits.

Arthur Frederick Wickham, attested 25th April, 1905, posted to "G" Company.

TRANSFERS.

To Bombay unattached list for employment in H. E. the Governor of Bombay's Band.

No. 6418, Private J. McKenzie, "E" Company.

From the Gordon Highlanders.

Private James Caskie, posted to "H" Coy., dated 15th April, 1905.

Inter-Company.

No. 9596, Drummer J. M. Doran, "G" to "C" Coy.
,, 9302, ,, R. V. Campbell, "B" to "H" Coy.

FURLOUGHS.

The undermentioned are granted furloughs as follows:—

No. 7660, Pte. J. Walsh,	"B" Coy.,	from 13-4-05. to 31-5-05.
,, 6746, Piper J. Wright	"E" ,,	from 9-4-05. to 17-4-05.
No. 2760, Q.-M.-S. J. Gunn,	"C" ,,	from 12-4-05. to 23-4-05.
,, 7804, Pte. J. Johnstone	"C" ,,	from 29-4-05. to 29-6-05.
,, 6142, ,, W. Rastall,	"D" ,,	from 28-4-05. to 30-6-05.
,, 7952, ,, J. Dickson,	"D" ,,	from 1-5-05. to 30-6-05.
,, 7689, ,, J. Clark,	"D" ,,	from 1-5-05. to 30-6-05.
,, 5694, Lce.-Cpl. J. Blake,	"D" ,,	from 1-5-05. to 15-5-05.

The following are granted furlough from 1st to 31st May, 1905:—

No. 9183, Bdsmn. J. McKilligan,	"H" Coy.	No. 5927, Cpl. W. Walker, "G" Coy.	
,, 5778, ,, E. Parry, "D" Coy.		,, 9362, Bdsmn. W. Blythe,	"H" ,,
,, 6486, ,, F. Noble, "G" ,,		,, 9129, ,, A. Dicker, "A" ,,	
,, 9099, ,, A. Petrie, "A" ,,		,, 7212, ,, R. Fraser, "B" ,,	
,, 7760, ,, C. McKim, "A" ,,		,, 7036, ,, W. Strain, "B" ,,	
,, 6449, ,, W. Yeo, "C" ,,		,, 7567, ,, A. Dicker, "H" ,,	
,, 7680, ,, T. Mullens, "A" ,,		,, 5716, Lce.-Cpl. T. McGeechan,	"H" Coy.
,, 5566, Lce.-Cpl. J. Wilson,	"F" Coy.	,, 5527, Bdsmn. R. Farrington,	"E" Coy.
,, 7731, Bdsmn. A. Robertson,	"F" Coy.	,, 6664, ,, E. Dunne, "E" Coy.	
,, 7708, ,, G. Smith, "F" ,,		,, 7691, ,, P. Wilmore, "A" ,,	
,, 9054, ,, G. McLellan,	"C" ,,	,, 8904, ,, J. Lafferty, "G" ,,	

No. 5340, Pte. W. Fogg,	"G" Coy.,	from 1-5-05. to 30-6-05.
,, 9388, ,, W. Birkmyre,	"H" ,,	from 1-5-05. to 31-5-05.
,, 8904, ,, J. Hutchison,	"H" ,,	from 1-5-05. to 31-5-05.
,, 6582, ,, D. Fraser,	"F" ,,	from 1-5-05. to 31-5-05.

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Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

PATERSON.—At Poona on the 18th April, 1905, to the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Stanley Paterson, Ninety Third Highlanders, a daughter, Diana.

DITCHAM.—At Poona on the 12th April, 1905, to the wife of Sergeant Major H. Ditcham, Ninety Third Highlanders, a daughter, Alice Dorothy.

MARRIAGE.

BROWNE-BROWNE.—At Colaba, Bombay, on 3rd March 1905, by the Rev. G. R. Courtice, St. John's, Bandsman Robert O. Browne, Ninety-Third Highlanders, to Emma, daughter of the late Mr. T. J. Browne, of Rugby, Warwickshire.

DEATH.

TRAILL-BURROUGHS.—On the 9th instant, at 61, St. George's-Road, London, S.W., Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick William Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., of Rousay and Viera, Colonel, Princess Louise's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, aged 74.

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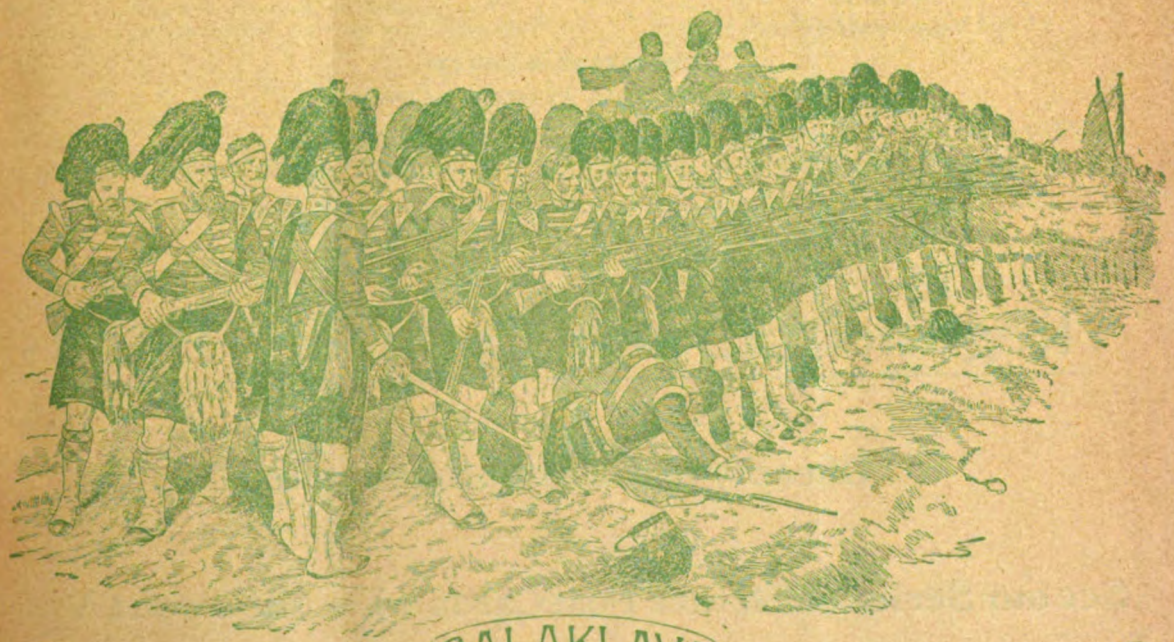

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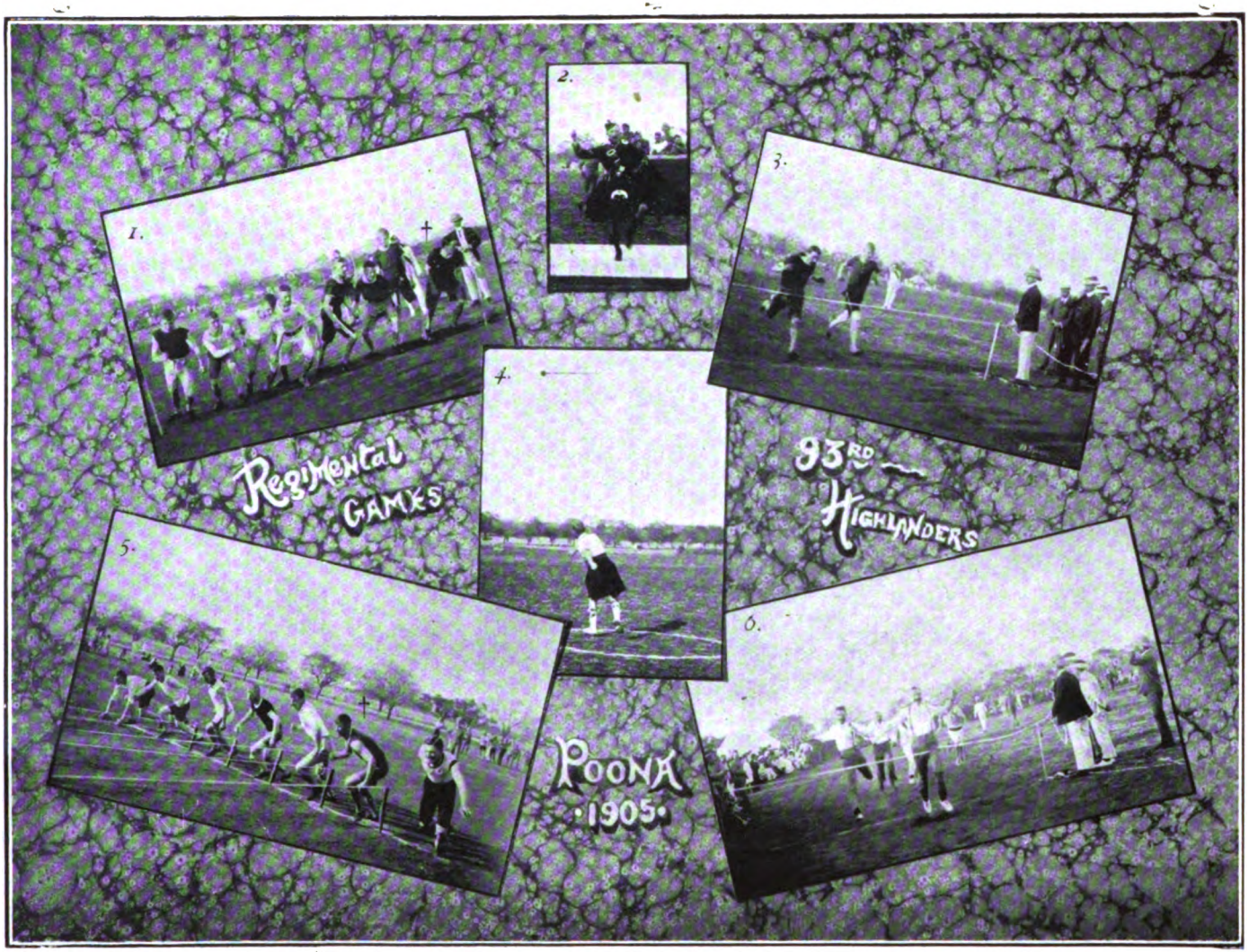

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The news that Major-General and Honorary Lieutenant-General J. Sprot, has been gazetted Colonel-in Chief of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in succession to the late Major-General and Honorary Lieutenant-General Sir F. W. Traill-Burroughs, will be well received by all ranks. Although General Sprot does not appear to have ever served in the Ninety-Third, the fact that he is an old Ninety-First man will go far to ensure his popularity. On another page we give a record of his services, and in an early issue hope to present our readers with a reproduction of his photograph.

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On Monday, 8th May, the Battalion was inspected by Major-General A. G. Creagh, C.B., Commanding the Poona Division, during the absence on leave of Major-General Richardson. The Battalion paraded at 7-15 a.m. in marching order with greatcoats, and in quarter column received the inspecting officer, who walked round the ranks making a minute inspection of the new "Patterson" Equipment. This finished, the Battalion marched passed in Column and on forming up was dismissed. We understand Major-General Creagh was well pleased with the appearance of the new equipment.

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"F" Company have completed their Annual Course of Musketry, and in another column particulars will found of the scores, etc. Sergeant Major Ditcham upheld his reputation by coming out top scorer, but not being allowed to wear the star, the badge goes to Sergeant G. M. McQueen, the nex ıbest shot.

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The first part of the month past was one of excessive heat, the temperature being well above the average for Poona, rising as high as 110·3°. Latterly, however, thunderstorms, accompanied by heavy rain and wind, have done much to cool the atmosphere, the "chota bursat" being particularly acceptable to the surrounding country, which already looks much pleasanter with the slight touch of green which has now appeared.

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"Spring drills" and sometimes "String drills" have been the order since the arrival of the latest edition of "Infantry Training," the morning being devoted to practising the new "old" movements

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on the *maidan* for the benefit of all ranks, and the evenings to studying the changes.

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Owing to the Summer Holidays the schools of the Battalion have been closed for the greater portion of the month. We believe Schoolmaster Burnard leaves the Ninety Third shortly, having been transferred to the Home Establishment.

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The monthly collection at the Parade Service on the first Sunday of the month, was in aid of the Argyll and Sutherland Memorial Home in Stirling.

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Names have been called for of N.C.O.'s and men who are desirous of transfer to the Home Establishment.

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His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, having decided to open a separate fund for Military sufferers in the recent earthquake, an opportunity was given to all ranks of subscribing towards so necessitous a cause. As a result a sum of Rs. 1000 has been forwarded to Simla.

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To Colour Sergeant Instructor Sim, Kirkintilloch, we are indebted for an interesting extract from the "Plymouth Journal" of 23rd February, 1854, containing an account of the farewell service by the Rev. J. Barrett, delivered to the Ninety-Third prior to their leaving Plymouth for service in the Crimea. We hope to find space for it in an early issue.

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The latest recruit to Regimental Journalism is the "Lion and the Rose," the Gazette of the King's Own Lancaster Regiment, and published from Fort William, Calcutta. Quite up to the standard of the best of Regimental Newspapers, it gives every promise of being an interesting monthly, and should be extremely popular with the members of the King's Own, who, it will be remembered, relieved us at the Fort.

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The Pipers and Drummers of the 82nd Punjabis from Belgaum are at present undergoing a refreshing course under Drum Major Duff and Pipe-Major Lynch. Some of them are becoming quite good, although when they came first, many of them had most elementary ideas of time, while few of them could play a strathspey or reel. Now they can play several selections together, a fact which speaks well for the perseverance of their instructors.

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Since the completion of the Football League, Hockey has occupied the evenings of most of the company teams, scarcely an evening passing without a friendly game of some sort. "G" Company, the present holders of the Cup, will require to make a strong effort to retain it this year, all companies being determined to add it to their trophies. As the "attached officers" who presented the cup are among our most regular subscribers, we hope to give them a good account of the struggle in our next issue.

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"The Thin Red Line" offers its warmest congratulations to Captain W. G. Stonor on his being appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion King's African Rifles, and his being granted the local rank of Captain on taking over the duties of a Company commander. Captain Stonor, who, as most of our readers are aware, was successively originator, owner and manager of the *The Thin Red Line* for many years, obtained his first commission on the 5th January, 1901, his second star on 11th June, 1903, and his present (local) rank the 1st April, 1905, a record worth being proud of.

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Since the departure of Major Vallancey, the Presidency of the Regimental Shooting Club has fallen upon the shoulders of Captain Tweedie. We are glad to note that the popularity of the Competitions is still on the increase.

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A good number attended the John Knox Anniversary Service held in Saint Andrew's Church on Sunday, 21st May. The Rev. Alan Cant officiated, and the praise was taken wholly from the metrical Psalter and the Paraphrases.

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The new Edition of Combined Training has reached us, and we find it a much bulkier manual than the 1902 edition. The sections number 189 as against 139 in the old book, so between "Infantry Training," "Combined Training" and "Musketry Regulations" the librarian is not likely to be overworked by the Non-Coms. for the next few days.

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During the month of May Captain Elphinston sailed for home on ninety days privilege leave, while Lieutenants J. Kennedy and W. J. Cuninghame proceeded to Simla for a change. Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean also returned after two months in Burma.

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We have great pleasure in offering our congratulations to Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Aitken on his promotion to that rank in the Royal Garrison Regiment. We presume he has got command of the 5th Battalion, now in Halifax, Nova Scotia, although there are rumours which place his Battalion in South Africa.

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The "T.A." officials are once more on the war-path, their efforts this time leading up to a "Gaff" and presentation of honours on the 17th of June, with a dance to follow on the 21st. Colonel and Mrs. Paterson intend, we believe, to be present, and the Committee are working hard to secure an attractive programme.

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From the London Gazette we notice that Captain H. H. G. Hyslop, who was recently appointed Superintendent of Gymnasia at Umballa, has been seconded for service accordingly, and that Captain G. Thorpe, who receives promotion to Captain in his stead, has been posted to the Ninety-Third. We hear however that he has exchanged with Captain A. H. Maclean, whom we hope soon to see back among us after six years absence.

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The want of officers for the Scots Guards has been met by posting quite a number of officers from the Militia to the vacant Commissions. Among those posted are Lieutenant E. P. Orr-Ewing and Lieutenant H. C. E. Ross, both of our Fourth Battalion.

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In another column we publish some details of the services of our Honorary Colonel, taken from the various authentic publications, which will be of interest to all ranks of the Regiment. Hitherto the Ninety-Third has not had an opportunity of meeting our Colonel—except once, in the year 1871, in the streets of Edinburgh—but we hope to overcome this disadvantage ere long.

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The present strength of the Ninety-Third is as follows :—Officers, 33. Warrant officers, 2 ; Staff Sergeants and Sergeants, 48 ; Corporals, 41 ; Drummers, 21 ; Privates, 925 ; amounting to a total of 1070 of all ranks.

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In the gaiety for which Simla is so well known, Lieutenant G. A. Akers-Douglas, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Viceroy, appears to be taking a leading part. From a cutting which a correspondent sends us, Lieut. Akers-Douglas in addition to being the organizer of a most successful Gymkhana, distinguished himself by winning several races, including a Lloyd Lindsay Time Competition. We hope that Lieutenants J. Kennedy and W. J. Cuninghame will not let him secure too many events.

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The epidemic of small pox which lately troubled the Battalion has at last subsided, there being only one or two cases in hospital at present, but our medical officers have had plenty of work lately in re-vaccinating the troops as a precautionary measure.

The sympathy of the Ninety-Third is due to our station comrades, the East Lancashire Regiment, in the loss they have sustained through the untimely death by drowning at Karakwasla, of Lieut. Davies and Lieut. Punnet (attached). The funeral was attended by all of our officers, and as a mark of respect, the different sporting events which were to have taken place at the end of the month were cancelled.

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As we write, the Chief Civil Master Armourer is making his periodical inspection of the Arms of the Battalion. This is the first occasion the rifles have been inspected since we left Calcutta, and consequently the first inspection since we received the new short rifle.

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As promised last month, we present with this number as a photo-supplement, a reproduction of several pictures taken at our last Regimental games by Messrs. F. B. Stewart and Son.

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The draw for the Attached officers Hockey Challenge Cup has been published and is as follows :—

"E" versus "H," "D" versus "F," "C" versus "B," "G" versus "A." The tournament will be played off during the month of June.

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Letter to the Editor.

DEAR SIR,

I think I can explain how the candelabra came into the Sergeants' Mess.

When the Regimental Team won the Inter-Regimental Competition at the Curragh in 1888, the prize, amounting to about £60, was handed to the Officers' Mess. The team was chiefly composed of Sergeants, in fact except one officer, Lieut. Brooke, it consisted entirely of members of the Sergeants' Mess, and the prize was accepted by the officers only at the unanimously expressed wish of the team.

The candelabra were presented by the officers to the Sergeants' Mess as a memorial of their success.

This is I think a correct explanation, but of course I speak from memory only.

Yours truly,

JOHN WOLRIGE GORDON,
Lieut.-Colonel.

LONGMOOR CAMP, EAST LISS,
7th May, 1895.

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Two-eyed Shooting.

The announcement recently that the authorities had in contemplation the adoption of a device by means of which, when added to the rifle, the firer could keep both eyes open, while only one eye could see along the sights, tempts me to say a few words on the subject of two-eyed shooting. Since a substantial majority of mankind possess two eyes, it is a great pity that when they come to do something which requires keen, clear vision they should be deprived of one of them entirely, and run the risk of hampering the one in use through the strain caused by shutting the other.

It is not every one who can shut either eye quite freely without having to fight an inclination partially to close the open one, and therefore it is very desirable to find a means by which the necessity of closing the off-eye can be avoided. At the same time, the addition to the rifle of any form of mechanical device is to be deprecated, because it would be frequently in the way, and would almost certainly be damaged when handling the rifle otherwise than in shooting. Now, the ability to keep both eyes open, and yet to look along the sights with one only, is attainable with a little practice, and if beginners were so trained a very large number would certainly acquire the art without great difficulty.

In the first place, it is necessary to understand the mechanism of sight. The writer has frequently found considerable difficulty in persuading others to admit that with two eyes open we have two lines of sight. Surely it is evident that, as the lines of sight do not start from the same point, they cannot reach the object by the same route To do that, they would have to be placed behind each other, which, as our old friend Euclid would remark, is absurd. But if proof is needed it is easily produced. We constantly use the fact that the eyes see on separate and converging lines in order to measure the distance to anything we desire, for instance, to touch. With both eyes open there is no difficulty in placing the tip of the finger on any spot within reach; but close one eye and you will probably find the finger-tip bump on the spot sooner than is expected, or else it does not quite reach it and has to be pushed out a little farther than was originally intended. Somewhat similarly the two ears are used to determine the direction of sound.

Again, if a key-ring is held up, one eye being closed, so that an object is seen through the ring, and if, then, the open eye is closed and the closed eye opened, the ring will be found to be off the line of sight, and will require to be moved to the right or left, according to whether the eye now in use is right or left. Any one who can look through a single telescope with both eyes at once is entitled to argue that he has only one line of sight for his two eyes. But if that were possible, the invention of binoculars would have been superflous!

Well, then, if we have two lines of sight, they must meet at the object looked at. That is, they are like the two sides of a **V**. If the object is not like a wall, and if the sight can travel beyond it, then the lines of sight become an **X**, with the object at the point where the lines cross. If I look steadily at an object at the other side of the room, and hold up a finger between my face and that object I see two fingers; if I look at my finger, I see two distant objects. There we have the distant object first at the point of the **V** and then at the far ends of the **X**; and in the former case the finger is some distance down each side of the **V**, and in the latter it is at the crossing-point of the **X**.

If, instead of a key-ring, a pair of scissors is held up, by a little experiment, closing the eyes in turn, the two rings of the scissors can be so adjusted that each eye will look through one of them. If, then, a nearer object is selected, it will be found necessary to bring the handles of the scissors closer together. Applying this to the rifle, it is evident that if both eyes were to be used along the sights while looking at the target, it would be necessary to have two sets of sights on the rifle. Once more Mr. Euclid says, "Absurd!" If there is only one set of sights, they can only be on one leg of the **V** at one time.

If this is clear, then it follows that the other eye looks past the side of the rifle to the target, and, being free of the mechanism of the sights, not only helps to define the target, but ought to make it impossible to aim at the wrong target. The rest is a matter of training and practice, and the off-eye will become accustomed to playing second fiddle, as it were. Indeed, as most people rely more on one eye than on the other, it only remains to ascertain on which they do rely—that is, which is the master eye, and to use it on the sights. But for the sake of squadding arrangements, let those who want to use the left eye shut it and stick to one, and that right-eyed shooting!

Q.R.V.B.R.S. Chronicle.

Just after the fall of Bloemfontein, soldiers were called for (owing to the scarcity of civilians) to work the railway. The weary men were lying in camp one night after a hard day's work, when a sergeant called out;

"Any of you men want to put your names down as railway-porters, drivers, stokers, or for any other appointment connected with the railway?"

Silence, broken only by snores. Then one Tommy slowly raised his head, and drowsily muttered:

"Put me down as a sleeper!"

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The General's Lament.

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[*Extract from General Orders re Cooking by Soldiers.*]

"General Officers Commanding Districts will be so good as to satisfy themselves, by a practical test at their inspection, that instruction under this paragraph has been successfully imparted." . . .

I've often inspected battalions and troops
And gunners and sappers galore;
But now I've to sample their joints and their soups,
Their curries and chops and pillau.
The soldier will pass a most stringent exam.
In boiling or stewing and "bakes;"
In patés and compôtes and crème à la jam,
And salads and rissoles and cakes.

The "Corporal Chef" will be granted a badge
Crossed cutlets in worsted and gold:
And he'll study in *Truth* the new dishes by "Madge,"
("Skin nicely to taste and serve cold.")

But alas! they've no frying pans, saucepans nor spits,
No ranges with oven and door:
But only some degchies and charcoal in bits
To be burned in a hole in the floor.

So I fear that the "Roast" will be "Roast à la Boil."
And patés and chops rather rough,
And my tender digestion will surely recoil
From fillets of beef that are tough.

So I dread the inspections and practical test
Of meals that the men will prepare:
But I say to myself that it's all for the best
For the microbe will shrink at the fare.

And the cholera morbus will cough and depart,
And the typhoid baccillus expire,
When he tastes of the succulent entrée or tart
From a degchie stirred over a fire.

—*"Blobs" in the Pioneer.*

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Sport.

HOCKEY.

"B" Company 93rd, versus 40th Battery, R.F.A., Kirkee.

An interesting friendly match took place on the Hockey ground on Wednesday the 17th May. "B" Company, who were represented by Robertson, Mackenzie, and Ballantyne; Shanks, Berry and Laird; McGregor, Leinster, Campbell, Laird and Clink, lost the toss and opened the play by quickly putting the Artillery goal on the defensive. Some exciting exchanges occurred, luck being responsible for the want of success at the goal mouth. Then the visitors took up the running, and though keen play continued until the finish, the game was characterised by a friendly feeling all through, the final result on the whistle sounding being a draw—no scoring.

Home and Depot Notes.

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Among those presented at the King's Levee at St. James's Palace, London, last month, was Captain N. Malcolm, D.S.O., 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, on his appointment to the General Staff.

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A leading Scots Weekly in an article on "Highland Heroes" gives an excellent account of the many Highland soldiers who have risen from the ranks to high commands in the Army. Among these, the history of Major-General MacBean, V.C., makes an interesting study, recounting as it does, the various exciting incidents which characterised the career of such a famous veteran of the Ninety-Third.

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Those of our readers who remember the excellent stand made by Private Corsey of the Ninety-First in the last Army Boxing Championship Meeting, and who witnessed the fighting of his opponent Lance Corporal Hutton at the recent Poona Meeting, will be interested to learn of his victory in the R.E. Boxing Tournament at Aldershot. The contest was one of six rounds and the fighting was of a hard continuous nature. Towards the end, Corsey was the freshest of the two and won the fight by his persistent hard hitting.

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N.C.Os. and men granted furlough to England from abroad will in future, when embarking, deposit with the O.C. troops on board the sum of £2. Out of this the necessary railway tickets will be purchased on landing, and the balance returned to them.

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We understand that a proposal has been made to erect a Memorial to the Officers, Non-Commissioned officers and men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who fell in the late South African Campaign. The memorial, which will take the form of a granite monument, will probably be placed at the head of the Castle Square, Stirling.

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From a Glasgow contemporary we observe that Pipe-Major Hall of that crack Volunteer Corps, the Glasgow Highlanders, is an old Argyll and Sutherland man. More power to his lungs.

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Major W. Squirl-Dawson, late 91st Highlanders, who died recently at Higham Lodge, near Colchester, at the age of 72, served as a Lieutenant in the Austrian army in 1848-49, and was present at the battles of Mortara and Novara. He was with the 91st Highlanders in the Kaffir War of 1850-52, and received the medal. In the latter Campaign he distinguished himself by repelling a determined attack made by the enemy on Fort Hare.

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Death's Bodyguard.

"SUMSHER," I said to my Gurkha orderly as I sat down by the fire where he and another little fellow, the orderlies to myself and a brother officer, had been cooking their rice, "Sumsher, if you had been killed yesterday, what do you think would have happened to you?"

"I think," answered the little man very slowly, "that I should enter the service of a great king."

We were on a jaunt, half business, half pleasure. The recruiting officer, the man whose business it is to enlist the Nepalese hillmen, the Gurungs and Magars, when they come down from their hills in the winter and over into British territory, was going the round of his recruiting stations on the border, and as I had leave, and loved camp life, and liked the shooting, and delighted in that glorious moment when a twenty-five pound mahseer in the boil of a mountain river makes his first dash and sends one's reel humming as the line flashes out, I had gone gladly with him.

Sumsher had been my orderly of old. Whenever I was entitled, on whatever service, to have a soldier trotting in my tracks I had always asked to be allowed to take him. His colonel was the kindest man in the world, and smoothed away all difficulties of routine, and somehow between Sumsher and myself there had grown a bond—blind fealty on his side, a liking on mine—for which it would be hard to find a name.

Only yesterday I had seen to what his devotion would carry the little Gurkha.

We had done a very foolish thing, had gone out on foot to try and shoot a tiger.

The beast, which had been killing cattle, was supposed to be in one of the forests of sal trees, and as it was impossible to take elephants through, and the trees were not strong enough to support a *machan*, there was nothing for it except chance it on foot.

We stood on the far side of a little drive that had been cut through the forest, and the beaters with a fury of shouting and tom-tomming came up towards us. When the beaters came close I slipped the cartridge in my rifle, and then found that I couldn't close the breech—something had gone wrong The beaters were coming up quickly, and if the tiger was before them it was a matter of seconds only before he was on us. Sumsher saw what had happened, drew his kukri, and stepped in front of me. A second later and the cartridge that had made the trouble was thrust home, and then, after a pause, the first beaters came out on to the drive, and we knew that there was no tiger for us to shoot that day. But the little man's action meant readiness to meet death in my place.

"So you think that death is a king?" I asked.

"Yes, sahib. Does the sahib know of the words of Jung Bahadur, the great Maharajah? He was mauled by a tiger, that he thought was dead, one day when he was hunting in the Terai, and he knew that he must die. He would allow no man to say that a tiger could kill Jung; but he sent for the Maharani, and when the wife that he loved most was come to him he said to her, 'I go to meet my brother, the king,' and died.

"Sometimes in the hills at night one can hear the champing of bits and the footfall of a great army, the escort to the Death-bringer, though there is no one to be seen, and then the cholera comes.

"Did the sahib ever hear the tale of how the Death-bringer chose for himself a bodyguard? It is a good story and I will tell it to the sahib.

"Amongst the men of the regiment it is said that the gods were angry disputing one with another as to whose attendants were the most glorious, and the Death-bringer, in whose honour the buffaloes are slaughtered at the Dashera, said to the other gods, 'I will bring you a bodyguard that none can match.'

"So he came upon earth, and, as a fakir, wandered through the land looking for the finest men in the world. He saw the Hindustanis and passed them by, and the Marathas and the Pathans, and he came at last to Dharamsala, where the regiment lay, and there he stopped, for he had never seen men for beauty and strength like the men of my regiment, and, as the sahib knows, we are very handsome and strong.

"The day after the fakir, who was Death, came to the serai at Dharamsala, the cholera struck the regiment. One hundred men it killed, an officer, sergeants, and a bugler, a company complete. Then it stopped, and that day the fakir left the serai.

"And when the Death-bringer stood again before the gods he said to them, 'I bring with me a bodyguard that none can match, men of a Gurkha regiment, Charjat Gurungs.'

"And when the Death-bringer moves amongst the hills with the trampling of a great army that none can see, round him as he rides on his great horse are the men that he chose for himself at Dharamsala, the finest men in India, Gurungs of the Charjat."

"You think, I suppose, that Death was jealous of the Viceroy of India having a Gurkha guard?" I put in.

And the little man quite gravely and seriously said that he thought that very likely that was so.

From "The Man of the World."

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Lieutenant-General John Sprot.

Our new Colonel-in-Chief's connection with the Ninety-First Highlanders dates from September, 1869, on which date he joined the Regiment as a Major, from half pay. The Ninety-First were not long home from India, where they had been for fourteen years, and one of the first incidents in which Major Sprot's name appeared was the presentation of new Colours to the Regiment by the representative of the Duke and Duchess of Argyll.

On 11th November, 1869, the then Commanding Officer, Colonel Bertie Gordon, retired, and Major Sprot succeeded him, receiving the command of the Regiment and his Lieutenant-Colonelcy on 29th January, 1870.

On the announcement that a marriage was to take place between the Princess Louise and the Marquess of Lorn (the present Duke of Argyll) Lieutenant-Colonel Sprot wrote to the Duke of Argyll offering to furnish a Guard of Honour at the wedding. The Duke replied very graciously, and a few days prior to the wedding, Colonel Sprot learned that Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, had been graciously pleased to order that a detachment of the Ninety-First should attend at Windsor on the day of the marriage, March 21st, 1871.

On 17th March accordingly, a Guard of Honour, together with the Band and Pipers, marched from Aldershot to Windsor where, on arrival, they were entertained by the Grenadier Guards. A pleasing incident on their arrival was that the Guardsmen had not only drawn rations and bedding for the Highlanders, but had even cooked their dinners for them. Shortly after their arrival, Lieutenant-Colonel Sprot was commanded to meet Her Majesty in the private apartments of the Castle, where she would be prepared to receive the wedding presents for her daughter which the officers and men of the Ninety-First intended to give. The gift of the officers consisted of a brooch, the *fac-simile* of that worn by them to fasten their plaids, but in pure gold, and with a very handsome cairngorm set transparently, together with a copy in miniature of the regimental dirk, in Scotch pebble, suited for a shawl pin. On the back of the brooch were engraved the names of all the officers then serving. The gift of the soldiers, to which they unanimously subscribed, was a silver Biscuit Box, in the shape of one of their own drums, with the regimental honours engraved on the one side, and an appropriate inscription on the other. Colonel Sprot in his audience with the Queen was accompanied by Captain Gregg, Lieutenant Grant, Sergeant-Major Fasenidge, and Pipe-Major McDougal. Her Majesty was accompanied by the Princess Louise, Prince Arthur, Prince Christian, and others. Her Majesty expressed much gratification with both presents. On the day of the ceremony the guard of the Highlanders was drawn up at the entrance to St. George's Chapel, Windsor, Colonel Sprot having command of the troops at the chapel. After the ceremony the officers of the guard had the honour of being present at a *dejeuner*, the pipers and drums of the Ninety-First playing alternately with the band of the Grenadier Guards.

The Ninety-First afterwards moved to Fort George, and eighteen months later proceeded to Edinburgh. As they marched up the hill to the Castle, they passed the Ninety-Third who were marching out. A most enthusiastic meeting took place, each Regiment shouldered arms to the other, and the pipers struck up a merry greeting.

Two years later the Regiment, still under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Sprot, embarked for Belfast, and on arrival was split up into detachments. On 29th January, 1875, Lieutenant Colonel Sprot was promoted Colonel.

On 30th December following, Colonel Sprot handed over the command of the Regiment, and a few days later he was appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter-Master General, thus ending his active connection with the Regiment.

The following is a record of the services of Lieutenant General Sprot.

Lieutenant General John Sprot, of Riddell, Lilliesleaf, Roxburgh, was born on the 12th March, 1830. On the 19th September, 1848 he joined the 83rd (County Dublin) Regiment, now the 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles. Promoted Lieutenant on the 29th May, 1849, and Captain 14th July, 1858, he spent twelve years in India, serving under General Woodburn in the affairs of Aurangabad, 1857 (Mutiny Medal). He afterwards held the position of 1st Class Assistant Executive Engineer in the Central Provinces and Poona from 1854 to 1857, and Executive Engineer to the Rajputana Field Force, 1857 to 1860, receiving the commendation of General Roberts (father of Lord Roberts), Commanding, and of the Bombay Goverment, for his "great energy and ability" in the construction of barracks for the European troops at Neemuch. Promoted Major on the 22nd January, 1867, he then went on half pay, returning to the Colours and joining the Ninety-first on 31st July, 1869. Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the 91st, 29th January, 1870, till 30th December, 1875, having been promoted Colonel on the 29th January, 1875. On the 19th January, 1876, he again went on half pay. He was A. A. G. and Q. M. G., North British District (Scotland), during 1876 and 1877, and in 1877 and 1878 commanded the 46th Brigade Depot at Maidstone. From 1878 to 1882 he commanded the 31st Surrey (South London) Brigade and the 31st Regimental District (East Surrey Regiment) at Kingston-on-Thames. Promoted Major-General on the 11th July, 1885, he was placed on the Retired List with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant-General on the 19th October, 1887, and now, after 57 years' service he has been gazetted Colonel of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on 9th April, 1905.

We greet General Sprot with our best wishes that he may long be spared to adorn the appointment.

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Poona.

The Native City.

Many people spend years in Poona Cantonment and never visit the City. It is not far away—less than a mile in fact, but it is invisible from without. You may go to the top of Parbatti Hill thinking to view it, but you will see nothing but trees. Every house has a tree somewhere about it which hides it completely. The streets are so narrow that they do not count. If you wish to see Poona you must go into it, not always a safe or easy thing to do, as it is invariably "out of bounds" to the British soldier.

In the year 613, Poona consisted of some fifteen huts inhabited by Brahmins and musicians. Six hundred years later it had grown to such an extent that the king of Delhi took a fancy to add it to his dominion, and accordingly captured it. For five hundred years afterwards, the fortunes of the City varied—rising and falling with the financial requirements of its ruler, and during this period it was partly under the subjection of the Mahomedans of Bijapur with a Mahratta Governor to look after their interest. Latterly, however, it again came under the rule of the Moguls of Delhi.

The first European to visit Poona was a Scotsman, in the year 1739. He went as a harmless traveller, but nevertheless he was the herald of a storm. The Peshwa, the Mahratta Governor, got mixed up in our quarrel with the French, and in trying to please both, he came a cropper.

The battle of Kirkee in 1817 put an end to the power of the Mahrattas and made the place British.

You may find your way into the City with the help of a map, but you may also find your way in with the help of your nose, the conglomeration of indescribable odours being peculiar in the extreme.

There are over one hundred thousand people in the city, and as they mostly live in houses of one storey, they take up a good deal of room. There are buildings of more than one storey, but on investigation you will generally find that the lower portion of the domicile is given over to cattle, goats, and such like. Not much space is wasted on streets. There are two fairly broad thoroughfares which run right through from North to South, and another from East to West. But the remaining streets are mere alleys, unpaved and full of holes, in which a pair of donkeys meeting form a block. According to a local guide, the city is divided into Districts called "peths," named after the days of the week, so that you have Sunday Peth, Monday Peth, and so on. This division also separates the trades and castes. Each trade keeps together and forms a colony, so that there are districts each occupied by almost all basket-makers, grain-dealers, or iron workers. The potters and tanners are not respectable enough for the rest of the community, and must live outside or on the edge of the city. In our own country, those having goods to sell try to get away from those of the same trade, but here they do things differently, whole streets of shops selling exactly the same things. The Brahmins have the best quarter—along by the river—and beautifully shaded by trees.

There are no fine buildings, the Peshwa's Palace having been destroyed by fire many years ago, only the walls being left. Many important natives live in the city, but their dwellings are all of mean exterior. The ancient inhabitant of Poona was too wise to put his goods in the window. The Peshwa would have swooped down on him for a forced loan, so when a house was built, a bare wall was turned to the street and only the innermost rooms decorated. When a house boasts of two storeys, it generally has a verandah or balcony running along in front of the upper windows. It is difficult to guess the use of this, as it is no wider than an ordinary shelf and affords little shade from the sun. It is the parade ground of the family cat. Half a dozen families occupy one house. Some fortunate member of the clan has obtained Government employment, and all his relations come and live on him in happy idleness. As there are no regulations regarding overcrowding, it is scarcely wonderful that in a bad plague season, the procession of natives borne on a litter "feet first" is almost continuous.

The streets are always full of people, and although the native *walks* quietly, the streets are anything but quiet. When the native walks, he talks, and when he talks, he shouts. A friendly conversation is a storm of language; a bargain with a shopkeeper is like a storm of the elements. When they finish shouting at close quarters, they bawl till they are out of sight, and when far beyond hearing the buyer goes on his way cursing the seller, while the tradesman continues to abuse the purchaser.

On the whole then the external attractions of Poona City are not such as are likely to recommend a second if even a first visit—and in this respect it may be compared with any other Indian city.

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A party of the Black Watch from Kamptee wishing to report themselves to the R.S.M. arrived outside the door of the latter's bungalow and told the bearer to call him out.

"Sahib," said he, "six memsahib soldiers want to speak to you."

"Memsahib soldiers!"

"Yes, sahib, same like women, wear no trousers."

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The Russo-Japanese War.

Towards the end of February was fought the biggest and bloodiest battle there has been since the introduction of firearms. The Russians had determined to make a desperate stand south of Mukden, the Capital of Manchuria, and for that purpose had strongly entrenched themselves in a large semi-circle, reaching from the Taling mountains on the S.-East to Tsin-min-ting twenty-five miles west of Mukden. By a series of small engagements the Japs had advanced till they were opposing the Russians all along the line, and from that moment one might say that the battle of Mukden commenced.

On February 24th the Japanese right, under Kamamura, attacked Ching-Lochen, and after four days fighting got through the Taling Pass, and into the level country S.E. of Mukden.

Marshall Oyama's plan was to keep up a vigorous and sustained attack on the Russian left and left centre, so as to induce Kuropatkin to reinforce strongly and consequently weaken his right. Having effected this, the Japanese left flank would swing forward suddenly and cut off the line of retreat behind Mukden. The country especially favoured this, as the ground between Nogi's army and Mukden is flat.

On the 24th Kuroki with the right centre advanced on Wanfuling, due south of Mukden, and heavy fighting continued for several days, neither side gaining any advantage, though Kuropatkin reinforced, which was exactly what the Japs wanted. All this time Nodzu on the left centre had been doing exactly the same thing, keeping the Russians occupied with a furious and incessant bombardment of siege guns brought up from Port Arthur. Most of the Russian army was S. and S.E. of Mukden on March 1st, as Kuropatkin did not know of any other Japanese armies in the field; he thought that he was taking the offensive and that he might actually win a battle at last.

But on 1st March the country between Changtang and Kaolita was suddenly swarming with Oku's troops, and Nogi was further north of him advancing up the Liau to due W. of Mukden. On the 3rd March the Japanese cavalry had seized Hsin-mintin, and the next day the Russian right flank was crumpled up, and Nogi's advance guards were within five miles of Mukden, consequently very nearly cutting off the Russian left and centre. On March 8th the Russians began their retreat north, which was far more of a flight than a retreat. However at first they still fought fiercely round Mukden, which the Japs occupied on the 10th, and on the 11th Kuropatkin telegraphed home that he was surrounded. Then the real rout began, the centre Army of the Russians getting away safely, but the wings which had borne most of the fighting, were shepherded by Kuroki and Oku into a belt of hilly and difficult country, where they were mown down in heaps, and though the larger part got through there were an immense number of surrenders.

The Russian losses are estimated at 50,000 prisoners, 26,500 left dead on the field, and 90,000 other casualties, which probably means that half the army has been wiped out. The Japanese lost about 50,000, though at the battle they probably outnumbered the Russians by 2 to 1.

At midnight on the 15th the Japanese occupied Tieling, having captured an enormous quantity of ammunition, guns, and supplies of every sort, consequent on the Russians having to bolt in a most pitiable condition.

After this defeat the Czar superseded General Kuropatkin in the supreme command of the armies in Manchuria, giving it to General Linievitch, who has seen much service in Central Asia. General Kuropatkin was put in command of the 1st Army.

On the 19th the Japanese occupied Kaiyuan, twenty miles north of Tieling. The Russians delayed them by destroying all the bridges, after which their retreat became more orderly and the Japanese pursuit feeble. At the end of March the Russians were retiring slowly on Kirin and Chanchun.

About the beginning of April the Russians were concentrated at Kirin, which is the terminus of a branch line from the main line and about 170 miles north of Tieling. On the 6th the Japanese had advanced about forty miles along the Tieling-Kirin road, having had a fight with a Russian force of all arms at Chin-cheatan on the 4th. The Russian casualties numbered 200, while the Japanese lost 27 only. On the 26th, 5000 Russians attacked the Japanese at Kaiyuan, but were driven back with the loss of 200. Two other columns were driven back at the same time.

Turning now to the doings of the Fleets, the indemnity of £65,000, which the British Government demanded of Russia for the North Sea outrage has been paid; and now the British Government is demanding an indemnity for the "Hipsang," a British merchantman which was sunk by the Russians last July for no reason.

The third Baltic squadron under Admiral Nebogatoff passed Suez on the 26th March, on its way east to overtake Admiral Rozhdestvensky, who had been sighted north of Madagascar on the 19th sailing eastwards with a fleet of thirty warships and fourteen colliers. This fleet was again sighted off Singapore on April 9th, when the exact numbers were found to be forty-seven ships, which included six battleships, nine cruisers, and eight destroyers, the remainder being composed of converted liners and colliers.

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On the 16th April the Russian Fleet anchored in Kamranh Bay which is in French territory, and as it showed no disposition to move, and the French no disposition to compel it to go, the Japanese protested against their remaining, as constituting a breach of neutrality. No doubt the Russians have gained a great advantage in coaling and reprovisioning at Kamranh, which they left on April 22nd, only to go as far as the Bay of Honkoe, fifty miles north of Kamranh, also in French waters, and where they also had the benefit of a telegraph office in the neighbouring port of Nhatrang. This time the French fleet was sent to move them on, after a violent outburst of feeling in Japan, at which one is not surprised. It was the long stay of the Russian fleet at Madagascar that gave time for Rozhdestvensky to be reinforced by the second Baltic fleet ; and now that he was nearing the scene of decisive operations, it was again under the shelter of another French colony that he was not only making his final preprarations for action, but awaiting Nebogatoff's third Baltic fleet to reinforce him.

The only news about the Japanese fleet was that twenty-two ships had been sighted off Singapore on the 15th April. This was rather a surprise for the Russians who had not the vaguest notion as to when they might be attacked.

Disturbances and riotings have been frequent all over Russia. At the beginning of March 51,000 workmen were out on strike in St Petersburg, and there was some bloodshed ; a chief of police being killed. The men of the naval workshops also went out on strike owing to the Czar having arrested their representatives at the conference of working men, which he had promised to hold.

Bands of armed peasants were making the country too hot for the landed proprietors, of whom they had killed nine, while the rest fled to the big towns for refuge. The Czar decreed most severe punishment on all directly or indirectly concerned in the peasant outbreaks, and appointed district commissions to collect indemnities for the landowners from the villages implicated This means that the miserable peasants will be ground down into temporary submission, and that nothing will be really done to make things better for them. In Poland, where the people are always ready to revolt, a good many police and Jews were killed by bomb throwing, the soldiers being called out to fire into the crowd, very often without any justification.

In April the Czar dissolved a commission presided over by de Witte, who is distinctly the most sensible statesman in Russia, and the one most likely to benefit the people, which was elaborating peasant reforms ; and has transferred the task to another commission presided over by a reactionary rival who will probably do as little as possible to change the existing order. This commission has already issued several thousand invitations to a conference at St. Petersburg on the subject of reform, and has drawn up a scheme for the composition of a representative assembly.

At Moscow 15,000 bakers struck work, in consequence of which the price of bread is three times what it was.

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In Barracks.

It is a well known though rather inexplicable circumstance, that in the spring time, particularly when the moon is nearly full, "poets" come away strong. Several effusions have come my way recently, and the following lines may be taken as a fair sample. Who the "Gunfire King" is I have not the slightest idea, but that he exists is indubitable.

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The Gunfire King.

Every morning when the birds do sweetly sing,
When everyone is sleeping, awakes the Gunfire King.
He rubs his eyes and looks around, he feels his mighty brain,
The "Gunfire" is not up yet, so goes to sleep again.

And as he slumbers once again, he dreams,—an awful dream,
Someone has drunk the "gunfire!" He awakens with a scream ;
Big drops of sweat stand on his brow, "Oh heavens! is it true?"
He looks around and sighs relief —"the gunfire," is not due.

"I must get up, I cannot sleep ;" he lifts his weary head,
He hears a footstep on the stair, so jumps right out of bed.
At last has come the "gunfire ;" he smiles, and then a laugh,
He fills his pot, then smacks his lips, and takes a mighty draught.

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When reading over a recent pamphlet on Service pay, I was struck by the many qualifications regarding efficiency required of the modern Thomas Atkins. But the other morning I heard of an incident which goes to show that there is still one more qualification required, and of which no mention is made in the latest Drill Books, and that is—imagination. The scene was the maidan and the company was in skirmishing order. The section commander was a "casualty," and the leading of the party had fallen to the proverbial old soldier. His instructions to his men were something like the following. "I want ye tae advance up that nullah. Y'er under the fire o' the enemy, so dinna show yer'sel mair than ye can help. Of coorse, there's nae nullah and

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there's nae enemy, but that disna' maitter—jist think there is." Truly one would require a vigorous imagination nowadays!

In these trying times of new equipment, etc., to the different kinds of cleaning gear there is evidently no end. Time was when the old soldier did not require much beyond his "pipeclay" and "greasy tack," but now he needs different preparations. Why doesn't someone invent a universal composition which could serve all purposes? If it could be used for cleaning brown belts, buckles, pipeclaying spats, cleaning buttons, shoes, etc., it would command a good sale, and if it went further and could be used as an emergency ration, or in place of butter, or with a little water added make a canteen of soup, I have no doubt the Pall Mall folk would pay a million or so for the secret. To all budding inventors I give the hint free.

FOR SALE—A Bicycle. Owner would exchange for a Gun and Manual of Instruction, etc. Apply "F" Coy.

A soldier named Wullie MacTurk,
Had a terrible hatred of work—
When his time was near done
He went at the run,
An' took on for his twelve with a "jurk."

The following yarn, overheard in the Canteen the other night, may be new to some of our readers, so I give it for what its worth.

The returned warrrior was "fighting his battles o'er again." Just as he worked up to the climax—"I was completely hemmed in; there was nothing for it but to cut my way through the furious Burghers"—his flow of declamation was checked by a quiet "It's a peety ye didna tak' me wi' ye," from Donald. "Oh, you could not have assisted me much. If you had been there, Donald, I am afraid you would have been in the way." "Aweel," came the stolid reply, "maybe ye're richt. But, for a' that, I wud have been useful as a witness when ye wud be tellin' that story tae yer friends."

Who is the best mannered man in the Regiment? One man tells me that the tune the orderly piper plays at the second dinner pipes is "Oh, John, are you quite satisfied with the career you have chosen?" when yet another polite individual tells me that he heard the pipers play "The cleansing of George's cowhouse," the other night. What next?

One more for the finish:

A Tommy who really was slow,
When told one day to *chalo*,
Looked up in surprise,
Gave three heavy sighs,
And fell in a fit down below.

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Discipline.

Discipline is the cohesion which binds men together, necessary for the accomplishment of a purpose. The discipline which results from fear is weak; that founded on pride or esprit permeating a whole organization is strong, and the bedrock of all military success. There is latent in the breast of the lowest private a sort of pride which, if properly appealed to, will give response; when this responsive element is lacking, better the service be rid of such material as not worthy of place in the ranks.

This applies to the regular army, and does so with equal or greater force to our Highland Regiments—their pride of organization is great, and when disgrace is brought upon any regiment by the action of a few, it falls upon all, and this should cause the careless to hesitate before doing, by act or neglect, anything but what may bring credit to their comrades.

The requirements of the present day demand more than was ever before demanded. It is not alone unhesitating obedience to orders, but the development of military science and progress of the age have destroyed the "automaton" machine soldier, who, by study and reflection, can carry out intelligently a given order, and when circumstances change, under which instructions are given, can conform to the same.

This does not mean an argumentative nature, often the weakness of the British soldier, but the ready adaptability to changed conditions—a virtue the intelligent man-in-the-ranks possesses to a high degree.

Not only is study now required, but the long range of our present rifle demands a knowledge of its use, as well as distance-judging—for without this latter knowledge the best shots are of no value.

The non-commissioned officer now appears almost on an equal plane with his officer, and in leading or conducting his squad, delivering or holding its fire, taking advantage of every incident in the phase of an action, may, by an intelligent conception, induced by a study of military principles, bring success or failure to a command.

Soldiering in the Regular Army cannot now be said to be a holiday pastime—the demands for drill, work in the field or on the range, practice in the gymnasium and study, require real, hard, earnest work, and those who succeed in attaining perfection, or approximation thereto, in all military acquirements—praise or credit should not be withheld by their officers, nor by the public, for whose security and honour the military are maintained.

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Musketry.

The Army Rifle Association.

In the new rules of this Association, copies of which have just been received from home, there are one or two points of difference from those of preceding years which are worthy of note by members of the Rifle Club. In match 1 (The Queen Victoria Cup) we note that "the whole of the firing at each distance is to be completed within one hour if two targets are used, or within two hours if only one target is used." The dimensions of the target at 200 yards have also been reduced from 7, 14, 21 inches and 4 feet square to 7, 13 and 18 inches and 4 feet square. In March 6, (The Inter-Company Match) the target has been reduced from 8 ft. by 4 ft. to 8 feet by 3 feet, while the distances have been decreased from 800 and 600 yards, to 600 and 500 yards. The number of rounds in the magazine is to be in future five. With the new short rifle the loading will be by charger only. We also note that "the new short rifle may be used, but only by those units to which it has been issued." It is further in contemplation to alter the conditions of the Queen Victoria's Cup Competition in 1906, to correspond more with the new course of Annual Musketry Training to which we refer elsewhere. We hope that our good old friend the bull's eye target is not yet in its declining stages.

In the result of last year's competition for the Queen Victoria Cup the Ninety-Third has no reason to be ashamed of its position, standing as we do 19th out of 103 entries The winners, the 2nd Welsh Regiment, firing on the Quetta ranges, totalled a score of 738 points. The 5th Hussars are the lowest prize-winners, being 15th with a total of 713, while our team scored 710. We regret to notice that our friends the Seaforths, who beat all previous records in 1903 with a score of 766, dropped last year to 703 and were placed 28th, while the Black Watch secured only 53rd place with 660.

Turning now to the results of the Inter-Company match, the following places were secured by our eight teams, out of a total of 359 entries.

120th	"C" Company	...	...95
140th	"D" ,,	...	...90
159th	"H" ,,	...	...84
183rd	"A" ,,	...	...74
191st	"F" ,,	...	...70
193rd	"G" ,,	...	...70
205th	"B" ,,	...	...64
206th	"E" ,,	...	...64

The winners, "D" Company of the 2nd Royal Berkshire Regiment, made a very creditable total of 158 points, firing on the Alexandria Ranges.

The current year's practice should account for some higher places in both this and the Queen Victoria's Cup Matches this year, and we hope very much to at least secure some of the prizes, even if we cannot rival "G" Company's success in 1900.

Regimental Shooting Club.

We are glad to note that the attendance at the Club shoots on Thursdays is remarkably good at present, and feel sure that the practice and experience which is being gained by all "classes" will show itself both in the Annual Return and in the competition field. The popularity of the new rifle seems to increase as we become more accustomed to it.

The following competitions under the usual conditions of seven rounds, five to count, were held during the past month. Competitors were divided into classes according to their musketry qualification, Sergeants competing amongst themselves.

Thursday, 4th May, 1905. Distances 400 yards. Total entries, 198.

Sergeants.			Score.
1.	Sergeant J. Stewart	... ...	24
2.	,, D. Stobie	... ...	24
Class "A"—			
1.	Pte. Campbell,	"A" Coy.	... 24
2.	,, Clanahan,	"A" ,,	... 23
3.	,, Cunnion,	"A" ,,	... 23
4.	,, McEachern,	"F" ,,	... 23
Class "B"—			
1.	Pte. Paul,	"G" ,,	... 24
2.	,, Quinn,	"A" ,,	... 23
3.	,, McMaster,	"A" ,,	... 23
4.	,, Gibbons,	"G" ,,	... 22
5.	,, Turnbull,	"H" ,,	... 22
6.	Lce. Cpl. Gray,	"H" ,,	... 22
7.	Pte. Smith,	"F" ,,	... 22
8.	,, Beck,	"H" ,,	... 22
Class "C"—			
1.	Pte. Howison,	"F" ,,	... 22
2.	,, McDonald,	"F" ,,	... 22
3.	,, Gallacher,	"B" ,,	... 20
4.	,, Robertson,	"F" ,,	... 20
5.	,, Gahan,	"H" ,,	... 20
Class "D"—			
1.	Pte. McFadden,	"F" ,,	... 21
2.	,, Morrison,	"G" ,,	... 21

Thursday, 11th May, 1903. Distance 500 yards. Total entries, 177.

Sergeants—			Score.
1.	Sergeant J. Ogg,	"H" ,,	... 23
Class "A"—			
1.	Pte. Rice,	"G" ,,	... 22
2.	,, Clannahan,	"A" ,,	... 22
3.	,, Shirley,	"A" ,,	... 22

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Class "B"— Score.

1. Pte. Turnbull, "F" Coy. ... 23
2. ,, Fleming, "G" ,, ... 22
3. ,, Allan, "D" ,, ... 21
4. ,, Quinn, "A" ,, ... 21
5. ,, Alexander "G" ,, ... 21

Class "C"—

1. Pte. Marshall, "G" ,, ... 21
2. ,, Wardrope, "H" ,, ... 19
3. ,, McDonald, "F" ,, ... 19

Class "D"—

1. Pte. Truswell, "A" ,, ... 19
2. ,, Moran, "F" ,, ... 19

Thursday, 18th May, 1905. Distance 600 yards. Total entries 171.

Sergeants— Score.

1. Sgt. J. A. Buchanan ... 20

Class "A"—

1. Pte. Durick, "A" Coy. ... 20
2. Lce. Cpl. Munro, "A" ,, ... 19
3. Pte. Nicholson, "G" ,, ... 19
4. ,, Boyd, "H" ,, ... 19

Class "B"—

1. Lce. Cpl. Gray, "H" ,, ... 23
2. ,, Hempseed, "F" ,, ... 21
3. Pte. Hannah, "A" ,, ... 19
4. ,, Paul, "G" ,, ... 19
5. ,, Potter, "D" ,, ... 19
6. Cpl. Jamieson, "B" ,, ... 18
7. Pte Benson, "G" ,, ... 18

Class "C"—

1. Pte. Palmer, "H" ,, ... 18
2. ,, Richard, "F" ,, ... 17
3. ,, Gallacher "B" ,, ... 17

Class "D"—

1. Pte. Lyall, "G" ,, ... 18
2. Truswell, "A" ,, ... 20

Thursday, 25th May, 1905. Distance 200 yards. Total entries 210.

Sergeants— Score.

1. Lce. Sgt. J. Bertram 23

Class "A"—

1. Pte. McDonald "F" ,, ... 23
2. L. Cpl. McKenzie, "B" ,, ... 23
3. ,, Munro, "A" ,, ... 21
4. Pte. Wilson, "A" ,, ... 21

Class "B"—

1. Drummer McLean "A" ,, ... 24
2. Pte. Turnbull, "H" ,, ... 21
3. Pte. Gibbons, "G" ,, ... 20
4. ,, Wilson, "F" ,, ... 20
5. ,, Millar, "B" ,, ... 20
6. ,, Anderson, "F" ,, ... 19
7. ,, Robertson, "A" ,, ... 19

Class "C"—

1. Cpl. Brownlie, "E" ,, ... 21
2. L.-Cpl. Mulholland "G" ,, ... 20
3. Pte. Deloughery, "G" ,, ... 19
4. ,, Palmer, "H" ,, ... 19
5. ,, Collins, "F" ,, ... 19

Class "D"—

1. Pte. Allan, "G" ,, ... 19
2. ,, Gibson, "G" ,, ... 15

"F" Company's Annual Course.

Owing to non-arrival of the new Musketry Regulations, the Company was exercised in a special course, much the same as the previous one, only that fifteen rounds were expended in three practices at each distance up to 600 yards.

The following are the best scores :—

Best shots of W.O. and Sergeants—

Sgt.-Maj. H. Ditcham, Part I, 298, Part II 139. Total 437
Sgt. G. M. McQueen, ,, 302, ,, 119. ,, 421*
Cr. Sgt. G. Arnott, ,, 259, ,, 115. ,, 384
*Company shot.

Best shots of Corporals and Privates—

1 Pte. Malcolm, Part I, 287, Part II 127. Total 414
2 L.-Cpl. Cridland, ,, 275, ,, 136. ,, 411
3 Pte. McDonald, ,, 272, ,, 127. ,, 399
4 Pte. Scambler, ,, 276, ,, 117. ,, 393

Number of marksmen, 19 ; 1st Class shots, 41. 2nd class shots, 34 ; and 3rd class shots, 7.

It is worth mentioning that of the third class shots, no less than five are three years' men, and therefore have no particular interest in Musketry.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT she never gaed tae bed at nicht before after yin i' the mornin'.

That she is gaun tae get a whitewashed sporran.

That he aye took his mooth oot a' fore he gaed in tae the ring.

That he wantit the halt sounded at the double.

That cleanliness is next tae godliness.

That it thinks we maun be awfu' guid.

That nae "Ischnophonistic" words o' command should be given.

That yae company were gettin' plenty o' *mornins'* in bed.

That he kens an officer wha reads orders wi' yae ee, an' combs his hair wi' the ither.

That he wis five years a sojor afore he thocht o' listin'.

That the gunfire tea he had wis chocalate.

That it was "Trickle, one people at a time."

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A "Little Tiger" Story.

A merry party were going through the Sunderbunds in the steamer Megna. One night after the ladies had retired, and while we were sitting round the cuddy table finishing our drinks and smokes, preparatory to turning in, Brown said, "I'll stand a bottle of brandy (those were pre-whiskey days) if Big will spin us a yarn."

Now Big was the mate. His real name was not Big, but he was dubbed Big by common consent because of the quality of his yarns, and he appeared to like the name.

"Well, gentlemen," he at once commenced, "when I first joined this service I was once doing this very voyage in the Jabuna, and just after we passed through the Fidler's Elbow we moored along the bank and had barely run out the gangway when a great big tigress lolloped up it without even so much as 'Come on board, sir!'

"We made no advances of welcome to her. Our politeness failed us. We suddenly remembered engagements elsewhere and in a moment not a soul was visible.

"I had taken refuge in my cabin, and peeping through a chink awaited events—thoughts of shooting her did pass through my mind, but the arms rack was outside, and so was the tigress.

"Continuing to peep I saw that an empty cask standing upright, with its top knocked out, seemed to excite her curiosity. She sniffed round and round it, purring pleasantly the while as if the smell she inhaled recalled pleasant recollections, and, finally trying to spring lightly on it she succeeded only in pulling it over herself.

In her attempts to escape the end of her tail protruded out of the bung-hole. Out I nipped, hove out as much of its slack as I could, tied the tail in a firm knot, and back to my coign of vantage before you could say 'knife.' Her struggles soon upset the cask, and she disappeared across the gangway towing the cask gaily away."

"Well!" we cried.

He stretched out his glass. It was impatiently filled, but deliberately emptied.

"Well!" we roared again.

"Well, gentlemen," he resumed, "it may seem strange, but I happened to be coming this same voyage just about a twelve month after, and just about the same spot, and about the very same hour—Hang me! if there was not the identical old tigress with the same cask in tow: the knot I had tied on her tail still holding firmly. But!"—

"Oh, shove along!"

"Gentlemen!—Gambolling around her were half-a-dozen or so of the sweetest little tiger cubs you ever saw, each towing astern a little keg, with its little tail through the bung-hole tied in just such a knot as I——" *From The Morning Post.*

Ninety-Third Calendar for July, 1905.

1	S.	Marched Varna to Aladyn, '54; suffered severely from cholera, fever and dysentery. Territorial scheme introduced. THE NINETY-THIRD became 2nd Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders, 1881.
2	S.	
3	M.	
4	Tu.	
5	W.	
6	Th.	
7	F.	Outbreak of cholera at Peshawar, 1862; ninety-three deaths.
8	S.	
9	S.	Crossed frontier into Waziristan, 1897; very trying march, resulting in two deaths and many cases of sunstroke.
10	M	
11	Tu.	
12	W.	
13	Th.	
14	F.	Arrived Datta Khel, joining 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, 1897.
15	S.	Chatham to Windsor, thence to Devonport, 1853. Landed Portsmouth from Crimea 1856, to Aldershot.
16	S.	Reviewed at Aldershot by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 1856.
17	M.	Montreal to Quebec, 1846. Glengarry Bonnets with dice ordered to be worn, Horse Guards order, 1851.
18	Tu.	Lines of Regiment visited by Queen Victoria and Princess Royal, 1856
19	W.	Establishment (Service Coys.) raised to 58 Sgts., 20 Drs., 1000 R. and F., 1854.
20	Th.	Advance of 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, on Sheranni, 1897.
21	F.	
22	S.	Reconnaissance of Maizar Kots, 1897. Lieut.-Col. G. L. J. Goff relinquished command of 2nd Battalion, 1899, to 1st Battalion. John Hasluck Campbell assumed command, 1899.
23	S.	Arrived Dover from Aldershot, 1856. Pipers' doublets changed from red to green. Lieut.-Col. W. S. Mills relinquished command, 1890. "G" Company win Physical Drill Shield, 1904.
24	M.	Col. P. D. Trotter assumed command, 1890. Col. Trotter relinquished command, 1894. Lieut.-Col. J. D. Fetherstonhaugh relinquished command, 1898.
25	Tu.	Lieut.-Col. Fetherstonhaugh assumed command, 1894. Lieut.-Col. G. L. J. Goff assumed command, 1898.
26	W.	Second outbreak cholera, 1862. Advance of 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, on Maizar, 1897; destruction of Kots commenced.
27	Th.	Lieut.-Col. MacGregor to half-pay, 1838; Robert Spark, Lieut.-Col., 1838.
28	F.	
29	S.	Inspection at Canterbury, and Colours presented by Duke of Wellington, C.-in-C., 1834.
30	S.	Embarked at Cork for Cape of Good Hope, 1805.
31	M.	Horse Guards Circular ordering Sergeants to carry fusils instead of Pikes, 1830. Gold substituted for silver lace, 1830. White clothing for Regimental Bands, 1830.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, DATED 14TH MARCH, 1905.

Princes Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland) Highlanders, Major-General and Honorary Lieutenant General John Sprot, to be Colonel, *vice* Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick William Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., deceased.

Captain H. H. G. Hyslop, is seconded for service on the Staff.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 8291 Lance Corporal J. Tunstall, "F" Company, dated 6th May 1905.

To be Temporary Lance Corporal while employed on Garrison Police.

No. 7075 Private D. Mackay, "F" Company.

To be Drummer.

No. 7869 Private J. Wardrop, "H" Coy., dated 12th May, 1905.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporal.

No. 9199 Lance Corporal A. W. Maun, "A" Coy., dated 1st May, 1905.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

"B" Company.

No. 7543 L.-Cpl. N. Halliday. | No. 5227 Pte. R. Hyslop.

"C" Company.

No. 7413 Pte. A. Mather. | No. 6472 Pte. D. Drew.
No. 7185 Private M. Lapsley.

"D" Company.

No. 7517 Pte. N. McInnes. | No. 7540 Pte. J. Shannon.

"E" Company.

No. 7451 Pte. R. Plant. | No. 7479 Pte. R. Henderson.

"F" Company.

No. 7547 L.-C. D. McIntosh | No. 6422 Pte. A. King.
,, 7370 Pte. P. Mullen. | ,, 4820 ,, H. Montgomery
,, 4800 ,, W. Moran. | ,, 6566 ,, C. Hoey.
No. 7139 Private Tibbs.

"G" Company.

No. 7464 Private G. Paul.

"H" Company.

No. 7537 Pte. Howarth. | No. 7592 Lce.-Cpl. A. Wilson.
,, 6453 ,, T. Craig. | ,, 5409 Pte. J. Wilson.

Class I at Sixpence.

"A" Company.

No. 7729 Pte. W. Duncan. | No. 8132 Pte. R. Wallace.

"D" Company.

No. 7855 Pte. P. Taylor. | No. 7465 Pte. J. Potter.
No. 6648 Private J. McPhee.

"E" Company.

No. 6271 Pte. A. M. Elder. | No. 8974 Pte. J. Paxton.
,, 7563 Dmr. C. Riddock | No. 6847 Pte. W. Campbell.

"F" Company.

No. 5016 Pte. W. Warnock. | No. 8074 Pte. T. Henderson.
,, 8209 ,, S. Weller | ,, 8805 ,, P. Gray.
,, 9001 ,, T. Law. | ,, 8936 ,, J. Richard.

"G" Company.

No. 7189 Pte. D. Coyne. | No. 5816 Pte. J. Baker.
,, 9159 Lce.-Cpl. A. Buckley. | ,, 8163 ,, R. Lamb.

GOOD CONDUCT PAY AND BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted Four Good Conduct Badges.

No. 9321 Private R. Brown, "B" Company.

Granted Three Good Conduct Badges.

No. 4771 Lance Corporal J. Oliver, "E" Company.
,, 4789 Private T. Sheridan "A" ,,

Granted Two Good Conduct Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 5171 Private J. Coutts.

"B" Company.

No. 6958 Pte. A. Leitch. | No. 7543 L. Cpl. N. Halliday.

"C" Company.

No. 7185 Private M. Lapsley.

"D" Company.

No. 6536 Pte. J. Ballantyne. | No. 7540 Pte. A. Shannon

"F" Company.

No. 7547 Lance Corporal D. McIntosh.

"G" Company.

No. 9258 Lance Corporal J. Mulholland.

"H" Company.

No. 7529 L. Cpl. A. Wilson. | No. 5656 Pte. A. McIntyre.
,, 7487 Pte. R. Walker. | ,, 7587 ,, H. Howarth.

Granted One Good Conduct Badge.

"A" Company.

No. 7911 Pte. J. Reilly, | No. 6952 Dmr. J. Shirley.

"B" Company.

No. 9201 Pte. R. Johnstone | No. 9202 Pte. J. Stevenson.
No. 6913 Private J. Gowans.

"C" Company.

No. 7804 Private W. Johnstone.

"D" Company.

No. 7804 Pte. J. Wardrope. | No. 7710 Pte. J. Jack.

"E" Company.

No. 8090 Pte. W. Green. | No. 7840 Dr. D. McIntosh.

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"F" Company.

No. 6422 Pte. A. King. | No. 9048 Pte. F. Rhodes,
,, 8005 ,. J. Wright. | ,, 6338 ,, W. Balfour.
No. 8805 Private P. Gray.

"H" Company.

No. 9630 Private H. Palmer.

Granted 1d. Good Conduct Pay.
No. 6420 Private F. Foster, "G" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engagements to complete 21 years Service :—
No. 4800 Private W. Moran, "F" Company.
,, 4820 ,, H. Montgomery, "F" Company,
,, 4125 ,, W. Richardson, ,, ,,
,, 4801 ,, W. Anderson, ,, ,,
,, 5243 ,, H. Lawrie "H" ,,
Extended to complete 12 years service.
No. 5409 Private J. Wilson, "H" Company.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

On transfer from 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment.
Private G. Berry, posted to "A" Company from 1st May, 1905.
On transfer from 40th Field Battery, R.F.A.
Driver J. Thornton, posted to "G" Company, 1st May, 1905.
Taken on Strength of Married Establishment.
Alice Dorothy, daughter of Sgt.-Major H. Ditcham, from 7th April, 1905.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

On discharge by payment of £18.
No. 7909 Private D. McAskill, "A" Coy., dated 14th May, 1905.

MUSKETRY.

The following N.C.Os. and men of "F" Company qualified for Marksman's Badges, 1905-06.
No. 5736 Sergeant G. M. McQueen (Company shot.)
No. 3037 Cr. Sgt. G. Arnott. | No. 5390 Cpl. A. Stewart.
,, 6535 L. Cpl. T. Cridland. | ,, 7623 Pte. D. Bruce.
,, Pte. T. Donahue. | ,, 7549 ,, D. Eadie.
,, ,, T. McDonald. | ,, 4876 ,, W. Malcolm.
,, ,, G. Mark. | ,, 7160 ,, H. McDonald.
,, ,, D. McGilp. | ,, 9102 ,, W. Wright.
,, ,, W. Balfour. | ,, 9395 ,, J. Scambler.
No. 7740 Private A. Wade.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. of "E" Company, are entitled to wear the badges prescribed for Section Commanders of the best shooting Company, 1904 :—
No. 3306 Cr. Sgt. A. Lockie. | No. 4567 Sgt. D. Inglis.
,, 5945 Sgt. McRae. | ,, 7734 ,, A. S. Macdonald

SERVICE RESTORED.

In accordance with para. 1842, King's Regulations
No. 7537 Private H. Howarth, H. Company.

FURLOUGHS.

The undermentioned are granted Furloughs :—

No. 6145 Sgt. A. McDonald,	"C" Coy. 1st May to 10th June, 1905.
,, 4514 Drummer W. Hughes,	"D" Coy. 5th May to 13th June, 1905.
,, 9190 ,, E. Lees,	"H" Coy. 11th May to 11th June, 1905.
,, 7387 Private C. Mackenzie,	"D" Coy. 13th May to 9th August, 1905.
,, 9091 Bandsman A. Petrie,	"A" Coy. 1st June to 15th June, 1905.
,, 7885 Private T. L. Pagan,	"C" Coy. 31st May to 31st July, 1905.
,, 6428 Lee. Cpl. R. Carlyle,	"C" Coy. 1st June to 14th June, 1905.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

Cant.—At Mahableshwar, on the 3rd April, 1905, the wife of the Rev. Alan Cant, B.Sc., B.D., Chaplain, 93rd Highlanders, a daughter,—Marjorie Stuart.

Stobie.—At Poona on the 7th May, 1905, the wife of Sergeant D. W. Stobie, 93rd Highlanders, a daughter,—Isabella Jeanie.

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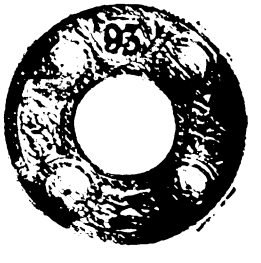

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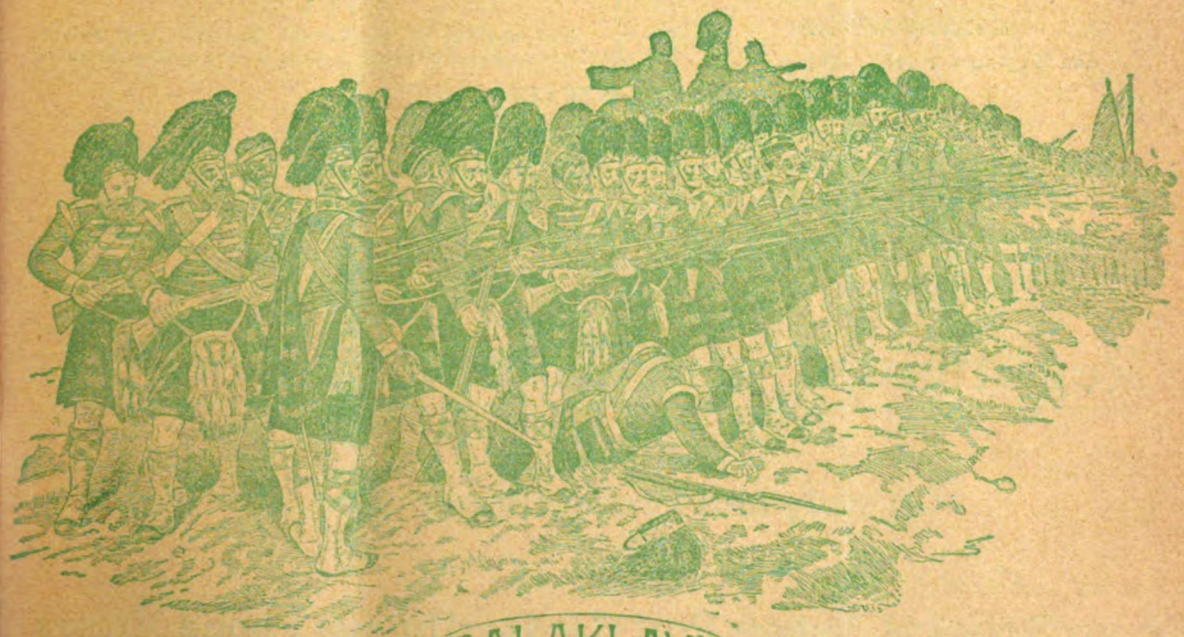

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SKIRLS

The all pervading topic of conversation during the past month has been the weather. Fortunately for Poona, it has not been a *dry* subject of discussion as the rainfall has been the heaviest for several years. At the moment of writing eighteen inches have been recorded, more than double the quantity registered for the whole of last season, and though it is unwise to "halloo till we are out of the wood" there is every prospect of the dreaded season passing without a tithe of the sickness which prevailed at this time last year.

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The near approach of the Richardson Cup Football Tournament, of which trophy we are the proud holders, has occasioned the commencement of practice for the two half-battalion teams. Most of the selections made are popular ones, and we are confident that their efforts to retain the cup will be characterised with the usual energy of Ninety-Third teams, and should prove successful in the end.

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One or two company teams have turned out lately for cricket practice, and on another page we give a few scores, but until the draw for the Cricket Clock tournament appears, there is little hope of the game being taken up seriously.

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The following cutting from the "Lion and the Rose," the Regimental Paper of the King's Own Regiment, may interest the temperance workers of the Battalion :—

"'Fair Haven' Lodge is the strongest Lodge at present in Calcutta. Its membership consists largely of Military Brethren, and of late has done splendid work. For the institution of this Lodge we are indebted to the "Pride of Sutherland Lodge," No. 93, the Regimental Lodge of the Ninety-Third Highlanders, who were stationed in Calcutta for nearly two years, and who, on their departure, left behind them a few very energetic members."

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Notwithstanding the unfortunate weather, "A" Company have practically finished their Annual Course of Musketry, having been the first company to fire the course laid down in the latest edition of Musketry Regulations, and the results of their shooting appear in our Musketry columns. "E" Company, under Captain D. J. Glasfurd, have

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made a start, but the wet mornings lately have hindered them greatly.

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"G" Company, under Major A. F. Mackenzie, and "D" Company, under Captain K. F. C. Marshall, have put in the past month at Field Training. The Annual Course is conducted on much the same lines as formerly, but the sodden condition of the hills and dales in and around Wanowrie make the work doubly hard for all.

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With the exception of "C" and "G" Companies the Battalion has now completed the Annual twelve days' course of Gymnastics.

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Captain A. H. Maclean, having exchanged with Captain Thorpe of the Ninety-First, who was posted to us on promotion, has returned to this Battalion and taken over the command of "C" Company from Lieutenant R. R. Forbes. Captain Maclean, whom all old hands welcome back, left the Ninety-Third in Chaubattia in the fall of 1899, and was attached to the Ninety-Second during their exciting experiences in Ladysmith.

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From the latest home papers we learn that the manufacture of the Short Lee-Enfield Rifle has been suspended, the Musketry "sharps" at Hythe having reported unfavourably on it. Various details are given as to its shortcomings, and it will be interesting to learn what the authorities will now do regarding the many thousand weapons which have been issued to the Indian Troops. One prominent defect which does not appear in the report issued, is the abnormal flash observed during night operations. This flash is very noticeable even in the dull light of early morning, and would give away a position of a force working after dark.

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Lieutenant L. G. Fenzi and Sergeants Wallace and Mahoney have returned from the School of Musketry at Satara, and we have to congratulate them on their obtaining the coveted certificate. Lieutenants O. C. Herbert and A. J. H. Maclean, and Colour-Sergeant J. Brash and Sergeant J. Ogg, will probably proceed to the next class which assembles in the middle of August.

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Second Lieutenant L. St. C. Cheape has, while at home on leave, transferred to the King's Dragoon Guards, and consequently will not rejoin the Battalion. Lieutenant Cheape was in the front rank of the sporting element in the Ninety-Third, and will be a loss to the many teams who used to count on him. We wish him every success in his new Corps.

As announced last month, Colour Sergeant Andrew Lockie has began his tour of visits to the Crimea and Mutiny Veterans, and the first of our old comrades to be interviewed is one who has for a long time been known to readers of the *"Thin Yin"* on account of the many interesting reminiscences which he has contributed from time to time to its columns—Colour Sergeant J. Hutton. Our representative visited him at his residence, St. George's Road, Glasgow, and we publish this month, as an illustrated supplement, an account from his pen.

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His Excellency the Governor of Bombay paid us an unofficial visit on the afternoon of the 26th July. After inspecting some of the married quarters and engaging in friendly conversation with the "better halfs," he proceeded to make a tour of the Regimental Institutes. His Excellency also visited "D" Company's bungalow, and exhibited great interest in the various features of barrack room accommodation and life, as well as examining the new rifle. Lord Lamington afterwards paid a friendly visit to the Officers' Mess, where he partook of afternoon tea before leaving for Government House in a motor car. His Excellency, whose courtly demeanour created a pleasant impression, is a Scotsman, hailing as he does from Lanarkshire, and has the honour of wearing the spurs of a Major in the Lanarkshire Imperial Yeomanry.

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Sergeant J. G. Ferrier, "D" Company, has left us to take up an appointment as officiating First Class Instructor of the 2nd Battalion Bengal-Nagpur Railway Volunteers. He carries with him the good wishes of his comrades.

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Names have been called for of Non-Commissioned officers desirous of proceeding home on winter furlough.

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Owing to the cold nights setting in with the rains, winter clothing has been taken into wear during the past month, and in the "wee sma' oors" proves very acceptable, the low temperature of 69° having been recorded recently.

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On the occasion of the official visit of the Governor to the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Bombay Command, the Regiment furnished a Guard of Honour of fifty rank and file, with the Band and Pipers. Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., was in command, and Lieutenant M. G. Sandeman carried the Regimental Colours. The members of

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the Battalion who comprised the Guard can perhaps find language lurid enough to describe the climatic conditions under which they did their duty, the rain being exceptionally heavy that night. Both His Excellency and the G.O.C were highly complimentary to the party.

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An innovation which has been we'l received by the troops, is the keeping open of the Regimental Library and Billiard room until 11 p.m. for the use of men in possession of Permanent Passes.

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Pending the receipt of an official handbook on the short Lee-Enfield Rifle, a pamphlet has been published, under Regimental arrangements, giving some useful information. As a specimen of the work of the native Indian printing press it is perhaps unique.

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The month of July has been an eventful one in annals of the Ninety-Third. On the 30th of July, one hundred years ago, the regiment embarked at Cork to take part in the expedition against the Dutch at the Cape of Good Hope. It may interest our lady readers to learn that no less than 108 women and 63 children accompanied the Regiment although they were proceeding on active service.

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Again, on the 15th of July 1856, the Battalion landed at Portsmouth on their return from the arduous campaign in the Crimea, and proceeded to Aldershot without delay. The day following, the Regiment had the honour of being inspected by Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Prince Albert. Her Majesty walked down the ranks, conversing with many, and a few days later she visited the huts of the regiment, and entering several, tasted the rations prepared for the men's dinner. On the 23rd of July the Battalion left for Dover where they remained for close on two years.

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With this number we present as a supplement a photo-reproduction of Lieutenant-General J. Sprot, our recently appointed Colonel-in-Chief.

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Major General Sir G. R. Hennessy, K.C.B., Indian Army, of whose recent death we regret to read in the latest mail news, served with the Ninety-Third in the Indian Mutiny Campaign, being attached as an ensign to Number 4, (Captain Macdonald's) Company, in the capacity of an interpreter, and was present with them at the Relief of Lucknow.

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Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O., having proceded home on leave, the command of the troops in the Western Army has been taken over by Major-General Wodehouse, C.B., C.M.G.

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As there is now a fairly good representation of the Battalion at that excellent resting place, Purandhar, we have been expecting something in the way of an account of their doings, but quite possibly the incessant rain and mist with which they are enveloped may account for the lack of news for our readers.

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The Annual Inter-company Physical Drill Competition for the Shield presented by Captain H. P. Moulton-Barrett, has been announced for the first week in September.

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From the supplement to "Life and Work" for July, we take the following, which may prove of interest to the "Tochi" men of the Battalion:

"The Rev. John Cameron, the Presidency Senior Chaplain, visited Poona early in July on his way to and from Belgaum. He was greatly pleased with the improvement in the general appearance of the Church made by the addition of the chancel. He also visited Kirkee, and hopes to be able to expedite the erection of the compound wall. It was a great pleasure to Mr. Cameron to see so many of his old friends in the 93rd, to which regiment he was attached for the Tochi Expedition of 1897 and for several years afterwards. Many of the men who wear the Frontier Medal are going home this year, and Mr. Cameron hopes to visit Poona again, sometime before the trooping-season begins, to see them before they go."

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As it is our intention to issue whenever practicable, as part of "The Thin Red Line," an illustrated supplement, similar to the one given in this number, we shall be glad to receive from our readers, photographs of any event which may prove of interest to the Battalion generally.

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The Committee of the Regimental Football Club met recently for the purpose of choosing the different members of the Half-Battalion Teams, and the following have accordingly been selected, Right-Half: Goal, Lance Corporal C. Donaldson. Backs, Privates Reid and Ballantine. Halves, Privates Mowatt, Lapsley and Gibson. Forwards, Privates Fleming, Smith, Dunn, Lce.-Corporal Galbraith and Private Millar.

Left-Half: Goal, Private Mullen. Backs, Lce.-Sergeant Markey and Private Millar. Halves, Lce.-Corporal Hempseed, Privates Duncan and McLean. Forwards, Turnbull, Wright, Lce.-Corporal Quinn, Corporal Campbell, Lce.-Corporal Montgomery. Reserves: Ptes. Cameron, McMillan and Bowe.

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A Trip to Ahmednagar.

On the 16th July a party of eleven officers travelled to Ahmednagar for the purpose of engaging in a series of matches against the 2nd Battalion the Connaught Rangers at the invitation of the officers of the regiment.

A feature of the expedition was that the pack of basset hounds, which have been hunting regularly from Wanowrie, were also entrained, and afforded early morning entertainment both to the large field which invariably turned out, and to the hares round Nagar.

The first match played was hockey, and resulted in a draw, two goals being scored on either side. During the first part of the game our team had hardly found their bearing, and their opponents took advantage of their not playing properly together to score two goals. Towards the end however, but too late to be of much use, our team woke up to a sense of the situation and quickly equalized, two goals being scored in rapid succession, and the call of time found them still bombarding the home team's goal.

The next contest was waged on the cricket field, and proved a victory for the visitors by 32 runs in a single innings match. The fielding of our team was quite up to standard but the batting was not strong, with one or two exceptions, notably that of 2nd Lieutenant Hartley, who, though owing much to the leniency of the Nagar fielding, knocked up a very good score and really won us the victory. The home team winning the toss decided to bat first, and the telegraph showed a total of 109 runs on the fall of the last wicket. We scored 141. The pitch at times was a little bumpy, but our hosts had prepared a very good ground. The regular Nagar cricket ground was so good that it was selected as a suitable place on which to build huts for the Boer prisoners during the South African War. The following is the score:—

AHMEDNAGAR.

Lieut. L. J. Comyn c. Hartley b. Sandeman	16
Capt. Clery c. Hartley b Sandeman	2
Lieut. J. C. Tate c. Sandeman b. Hartley	24
Lieut. F. J. Garland c. J. Kennedy b. Oakes	25
Major Farrell Palleser, c. A. Kennedy b. Oakes	14
Lieut. F. E. Hunt not out.	11
Capt. J. S. McSwiney b. Hartley	2
Lieut. F. Kinsman c. Maclean b. Hartley	0
,, J. R. Leader b. Hartley	13
,, J. Frazer b. Hartley	0
,, F. Pritchard b. Sandeman	1
Byes	1
Total ...	109

NINETY THIRD HIGHLANDERS.

Lieut. M. G. Sandeman b. Clery	14
,, T. T. Oakes b. Comyn	8
,, H. B. Hartley b. Clery	70
,, A. J. H. Maclean b. Clery	0
,, J. Kennedy b. Comyn	2
,, R. R. Forbes b Tate	4
,, C. P. James c. Kinsman b. Leader	2
,, Hon. R. Bruce c. Kinsman b. Leader	0
Capt. P. D. McCandlish c. Leader b. Comyn	3
Lieut. A. E. Kennedy not out	13
,, W. J. Cuninghame b. Comyn	4
Byes	19
Leg Byes	2
Total	141

On the following day summonses were issued for a football match, in which we again scored a success, the result being 3 goals to nil in our favour. Lieutenant Forbes was responsible for netting the ball on each occasion, but in a game where so much prowess was exhibited on both sides it would be a pity to attempt to draw distinctions. Suffice it that a most enjoyable game was obtained, wherein we did not come off losers.

Tennis and clay pigeon shooting finished the day, at which our representatives more than held their own. A most successful dance was the final event in a series of gaieties arranged by our hosts, and it was with great regret that so enjoyable a visit came to a close. The party returned to Poona on the 20th, a large contingent of officers coming to the Station to bid them farewell.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT its name is "Tosh' not "Jock."

That the weather is gey like hame.

That the Greenock men 'ill feel a' richt ony way.

That the Pipers' Dance wis a succsss.

That so was the twelfth o' July.

That his dug wis eatin a' it could get its hands on.

That its "Did ye see they twa white niggers?"

That he couldna play poetry on a piano.

That the bottom step wis at the fit.

That the best part o' the new gun is the bayonet.

That whan it wis fu' up, it wis an inch frae the tap.

That he had tae toe his heels wi' a click.

That he's lookin' oot for his rooty medal very soon, now.

That he'll parade for his pint five meenites after.

That if ye fancy yer'sel pit your name doon.

That a' the "fechtin" men are no enterin'.

That they hae tae be three quarter plate first.

That its sae fond o' quinine it takes it twice a week on Sunday.

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Temperance Doings.

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CONCERT.

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An excellent Concert, under the auspices of the R.A.T.A., I.O.G.T., and Rechabites in Poona, was held in the Connaught Institute, on Wednesday the 26th July 1905, the chair being occupied by Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., Ninety Third Highlanders, accompanied by Mr. G. A. Glossop.

The Chairman, on being introduced by Mr. Glossop, spoke of the workings of the temperance societies in Poona, and said that during his army experiences he could safely say the soldiers of the present time were very much superior to those of 25 years ago, both morally and regarding sobriety, and this was mainly caused through the efforts of these temperance societies, and during the future he wished these societies greater success.

A large audience was present, and during the the interval seven pledges were signed. After a very appreciated programme, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes.

PROGRAMME.

PART. I.

SENTIMENTAL SONG..... Selected.....*Pte. Whittleworth.*
CLUB SWINGING..... ,, *Fleming.*
COMIC SONG.....I'm the saftest o' the family.. ....*Dr. Stewart.*
RECITATION....." Tommy " .....*Gr. Douglas.*
SENTIMENTAL SONG " Sky lark " ....*Pte. Griffen.*
DANCE.....Highland Fling... .*L.-Cpl. Cridland.*
SELECTIONS .....Gramophone .. ..*Mr. Audy.*

PART II.

GROUND TUMBLING ..*L.-Cpls. Montgomery, Hempseed, and Pte. Kenny.*
COMIC SONG....."I've only been there a week".....*Pte. Nolan.*
SENTIMENTAL SONG " I love you "..... . *Gr. Bacon.*
SELECTIONS.....Gramophone.. .... *Mr. Audy.*
SENTIMENTAL SONG " I love Daddy ".....*Pte. Griffen.*
SWORD DANCE..... *L.-Cpl. Cridland.*
CLUB SWINGING.....*Pte. Fleming.*
COMIC SONG....." Lachie McGraw ".....*Dr. Stewart.*
CAKE WALK..... ....*Pte. Walsh.*
COMIC SONG....." 'Arry 'Arry 'Arry". *Sergt. Markey.*
SENTIMENTAL SONG "The Blind Boy".....*Pte. Wright.*

GOD SAVE OUR KING EMPEROR.

The following is the Lodge programme for the ensuing quarter, and every endeavour is being made to make the meetings as attractive as possible.

Aug. 7—Installation, New Officers to entertain, and reports.
,, 14—Mock Brewster Session.
,, 21—Essays on how I became a G.T. (3 prizes.)
,, 28—Officers to explain duties and motions for Digest.
Sept. 4—"At Home" to time X Brothers.
,, 11—Auction Night (parcels 4 annas) sing, say, or pay (2 as.)
,, 18—Lodge Drill and Ode practice.
,, 25—A night with our G.L. representative.
Oct. 2—Election of new Cabinet, and night round the Dixie.
,, 9—Temperance Address.
,, 16—Invite Sister Orders (Social.)
,, 22 –Letters from far and near, and Debate.
,, 30—Has our Quarter been a success ? and a night of harmony.

ROYAL ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.
GARRISON DANCE CLUB.

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In the depressing weather we are at present experiencing, pleasant evenings can be passed twice a week in the meetings of the above Dance Club. This Club has been formed under the auspices of the temperance workers of the East Lancashire and Ninety Third Regiments, the working Committe consisting of representatives from both corps presided over by the Superintendent of the Connaught Institute, Mr. G.A. Glossop. The meetings take place on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Connaught Institute, and for both experienced and "awkward" trippers of the light fantastic toe, ample provision is made for the night's enjoyment.

Russo-Japanese War.

The month of July has not been remarkable for any decisive battles or heavy fighting, either by land or by sea ; yet for all that there can be no doubt that the Japanese are improving their position in Manchuria, and that news is to be expected shortly of another great battle, which should at last put the finishing touch to the Russian Army in the Far East. Peace negotiations have now been put on a satisfactory basis, entirely through President Roosevelt's personal exertions, and both Japan and Russia have appointed plenipotentiaries to meet at Washington, and there to discuss and draw up a treaty, which will only need the ratification of the respective governments to be binding. The Japanese refused to give an armistice till such time as the treaty was made, because of the evident benefit the Russian armies would derive from it, and their reasonable distrust of Russian promises. One of the reasons which delayed the two parties so long in settling terms for the negotiations was the inability of the Czar to understand that the Japanese, being the victors, are in a position to dictate terms. So far there has been no official declaration of the terms the Japanese will demand ; and all that is known is that President Roosevelt has pronounced them moderate, but his idea of what is moderate and the Czar's are probably different.

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There have been rumours of fighting along the railway line in Manchuria, and of a cavalry raid by Mischenko, but as usual the Japanese have let no news leak through. It seems as though Marshal Oyama was advancing with his force of half a million shaped like the letter V, so that the wings are outflanking General Linievitch's smaller force of 370,000 men on both sides. No one knows what the Russian General's plans are, but unless he retreats in time, his force will be stamped out.

In Russia itself disaffection has been rife amongst the sailors at the chief sea-ports. At Libau in the Baltic, about 400 miles from St. Petersburgh, the sailors mutinied and burnt the barracks, but the artillery and Cossacks were called out, who soon quelled the mutiny.

At the end of June the crew of the Kniaz Potemkin, the biggest battleship in the Black sea fleet, killed most of their officers, and turned pirates. The reason given was that one of the sailors had been shot for daring to present a petition for better food; but it transpired that there was a revolutionary committee on board who had every intention of mutinying. The Governor of Odessa immediately sent for help from Sevastopol, and troops were sent to keep order, and a small fleet to retake the Potemkin. Meanwhile the Potemkin, accompanied by a torpedo boat, appeared at Kustenji in Roumania demanding provisions; but the authorities refused any, and gave the mutineers the option of leaving the port or surrendering. The Potemkin went, but the torpedo boat endeavoured to get provisions in spite of the prohibition, and was promptly fired on by a cruiser, and then retired.

They then went to Theodosia and threatened to bombard the town unless coal, provisions, and tobacco were given in twenty-four hours. The panic stricken inhabitants fled, while the authorities tried to compromise, as they had no coal to give. The Potemkin suddenly left, and reappeared at Kustenji, where she surrendered with the torpedo boat, and has by now been handed over to the Russians.

The Japanese effected a landing on the Island of Saghalien, at Korsakovsk, the only port in the island, and drove out the Russians, who made a stout resistance, and who, before retiring, blew up the guns and set fire to the government buildings; the Russians have been driven into a corner at the north of the Island, and are probably on the point of surrendering. Saghalien is a long, narrow island, north of Japan, and used by the Russians as a convict colony, which the Japanese will be glad to have, owing to its being o close.

Musketry.

Regimental Shooting Club Doings.

An almost unbroken succession of wet Thursday mornings prevented the published programme being carried out, and when a shoot did take place the attendances were naturally smaller than usual.

Thursday 20th July, was devoted to snapshooting, the conditions being five rounds at 200 yards. The number of entries was 83 and the following were the successful competitors.

Class A. (*Marksmen.*)

1.	Private Fleming,	"G" Coy.	3	Hits.
2.	,, Clanahan,	"A" ,,	3	,,
3.	,, McGill,	"A" ,,	3	,,

Class B. (*First and second class shots.*)

1	Private Turnbull,	"H" Coy.	3	Hits.
2.	,, McCune,	"E" ,,	2	,,
3.	,, Forson,	"G" ,,	2	,,
4.	,, McFie,	"A" ,,	2	,,
5.	,, Dryden,	"G" ,,	2	,,
5.	,, McKinnon,	"G" ,,	2	,,
7.	,, Donaldson,	"G" ,,	2	,,

Class C. (*Recruits and Third Class Shots.*)

1.	Private Dunne.	"E" Coy.	2	Hits.
2.	,, Bridges,	,,	1	,,
3.	,, McBaron,	,,	1	,,
4.	,, Williamson,	,,	1	,,
5.	,, Skene,	"G" ,,	1	,,

Thursday 27th July. Conditions, seven rounds, five to count, at 2nd Class figure target, 500 yards. The entries numbered 58, and prizes were as follows:

Class A.—1. Corporal McElroy, "E" Coy. Score 19.
2. Lce.-Cpl. Blake, "D" ,, ,, 18.

Class B.—1 L.-Cpl. McKinnon, "G" Coy. Score 17.
2. Private Cowan, "E" ,, ,, 17.
3. ,, Forson, "G" ,, ,, 16.

Class C.—1. Pte. Williamson, "E" Coy. Score 16.
2. ,, Stewart, "G" ,, ,, 14.
3. ,, Bridges, "E" ,, ,, 14.

An attractive programme for August has just been published, one of the features being a shoot on the miniature range for prizes in kind.

"A" Company's Annual Course.

No. 7221, Private M. Clanahan has won the premier badge of Company shot, while the following have become Marksmen.

No.		No.	
3551,	Sgt. H. Kerr.	5927,	Sgt. D. Stobie.
5842,	,, R. Glass.	6089,	L.-Sgt. T. Young.
5287,	L.-Cl. C. Monro.	7670,	Pte. J. Brown.
8367,	Pte. R. McGill.	8179,	,, T. Campbell.
9451,	,, J. Wilson.	3930,	,, W. McMaster.
7505,	,, T. Cunnion.	4935,	,, J. Lillie.

The following men of "F" Company who were exercised with "A" Company also became Marksmen. No. 6419, Pte. A. Caskie. No. 5363, Pte. R McNie. No. 5837, Private W. Lawrence.

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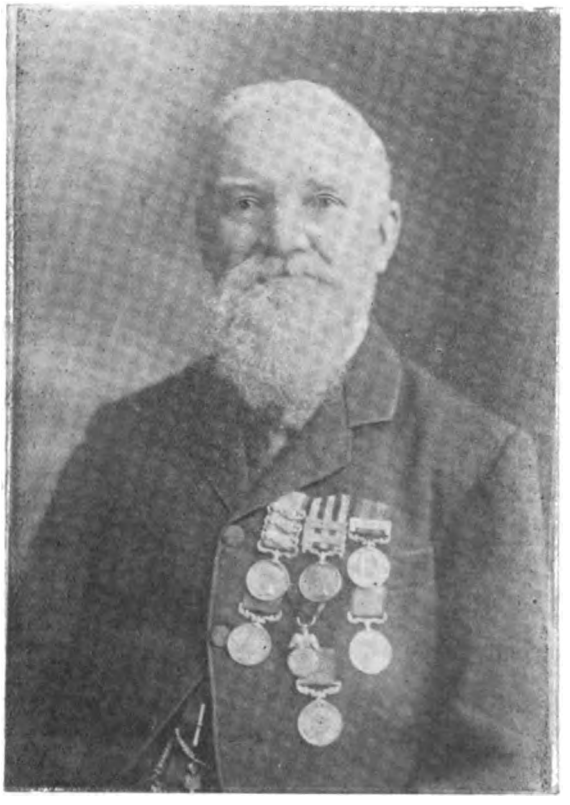
Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

Colour-Sergeant Hutton.

This grand old veteran is still hale and hearty and but for defective vision would no doubt still be in harness, despite his seventy-six years. Born in 1829 at Bonaw, Argyllshire, the veteran Colour-Sergeant enlisted at Glasgow in 1847, to which city he has gravitated to pass his declining years, after a life's service for his country that few men alive can boast of. During his service of twenty-one years with the Ninety-Third he saw all the severe fighting which the regiment took part in during the Crimean and Indian Mutiny Campaigns, and during all his long service of thirty years was never once in hospital, even when wounded during the assault on the Secundrabagh at the Relief of Lucknow—a remarkable record which must be hard to beat, when one considers the hardships endured in the Crimea and hot weather campaigns in India. Colour-Sergeant Hutton also took part in the Umbeyla Campaign of 1863 and is in possession of the following medals :—Crimean, with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, Sebastopol ; Turkish ; French war medal (five Legion of Honour and three war medals were presented to the Regiment) ; Indian Mutiny, with clasps for Relief of Lucknow, Lucknow ; Indian Frontier, with clasp for Umbeyla ; Long Service and Good Conduct ; Meritorious Service.



Colour-Sergeant Hutton.

Colour-Sergeant Hutton was appointed Lance-Corporal in the Crimea, and would have been still further promoted had he not been undecided in his mind as to re-engaging on the completion of his ten years' engagement. However, the allurements which a further spell of service in China promised, decided him to "take on" and he was immediately promoted Corporal at Dover, becoming Lance Sergeant at Calcutta on the Battalion disembarking there for service in India. Became Sergeant during the Relief of Lucknow, the many casualties there amongst the non-commissioned officers giving him his promotion ; and was finally promoted Colour-Sergeant of No. 7, or Captain Gordon-Alexander's company, at Rawul Pindi, in 1861. In that rank he continued to serve with the Regiment until 1868 when he proceeded home from Jhansi for discharge. His next service was for five years with the Permanent Staff, 2nd Lanark Militia, as Musketry Instructor, after which he went to Cardross as Instructor to the Dumbartonshire Volunteers for a further term of four years. November seems to be an auspicious month for the veteran Colour-Sergeant as he laughingly tells you he was Born, Enlisted, Discharged, Married, and was at the Relief of Lucknow in that month.

Since quitting the service altogether Colour-Sergeant Hutton has occupied several positions of trust, but has now retired as his eyesight has unfitted him for further active employment. With his amiable helpmate our gallant old comrade is spending the evening of life surrounded by the happiness which comfort and a well spent life gives to all.

Many of the veteran's reminiscences have already appeared in the columns of the Regimental paper, but his well stocked memory would serve to fill a book, and as the object of this series of "interviews" is mainly biographical, one or two recollections only will be given for the present.

Replying to a question as to his impressions on seeing the Ninety-Third for the first time, which event took place on the return of the Regiment from Canada in 1848, Colour-Sergeant Hutton stated that it was then the finest looking and best conducted Regiment in the Army, and was composed almost entirely of Highlanders, the exceptions being Lowland Scots. Over six hundred men spoke Gaelic in the Regiment, which was

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commanded by Colonel Robert Spark at that time. Of the Commanding Officer, whom he describes as a very tall fine-looking officer, the veteran tells the following anecdotes:—The Colonel, who was very particular about being saluted, was strolling about Edinburgh one evening when Hutton and a companion, another recruit, happened to pass him without paying the necessary compliments. They had been engaged in conversation, and failed to notice the Colonel, who was in mufti. They were at once accosted by him and ordered back to Barracks. No amount of explanation could pacify the angry O.C. who sentenced them to seven days "Duke of York"—a punishment which consisted in promenading up and down in front of the Duke of York's statue at saluting drill.

Under Colonel Spark the Regiment remained essentially Highland in character, which perhaps accounted for the quarrel which took place between the Colonel and the Bailies of Glasgow over the use of Glasgow Green as a manœuvring ground, and which resulted in the Colonel being fined £5 for using the Green for such purpose without permission. The result was, of course, that the Band was not allowed to play in any public places of entertainment in the city, and the enlistment of Glasgow men in the regiment was sternly eschewed by the irate Colonel.

During the time the Regiment was stationed in Glasgow, to which station it came from Edinburgh in 1851, Headquarters were at the Gallowgate Barracks, 150 men being on detachment at the Cavalry barracks in Eglinton Road, and 100 men in Paisley, the latter detachment of which Colour-Sergeant Hutton was a member, being under the command of Captain J. A. Ewart—the late General Sir John Alexander Ewart, G.C.B. The Paisley detachment was suddenly ordered to Greenock under Captain Ewart on account of riots in that town and remained there six weeks, accommodation being found for them in the public halls.

Colour-Sergeant Hutton was one of No. 6, Captain Burroughs' company, which formed the left centre company of the "Thin Red Line" at the battle of Balaklava. In this company he also served during the whole of the mutiny campaign.

Overheard in "E" Company's Bungalow.

No. 1. "I'm not daft, but the next time it occurs, I'll get you get put in the punt, too."

No. 2. "Well, if you're not daft, you're *insensible* anyway."

'Tis the monsoon, who can doubt it?
Since all nature opens wide?
And the housefly seeks the milk jug,
And becomes a suicide.

Home and Depot Notes.

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From 1st July the Establishment of the Depot will be—1 major, 1 captain, 2 subalterns, 1 Q.M.-sergeant, 2 colour-sergeants, 4 sergeants, 1 O.R. clerk, 10 corporals, 2 buglers, and 40 privates.

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The erection of the Argyll and Sutherland Memorial to the officers and men who fell in South Africa will be commenced soon, the granite base having arrived from Aberdeen. The lower part of the base weighs 9 tons, the second part 6 tons, and the third part 5 tons. The monument will be erected in line with the Bruce statue on the opposite side of the Castle Esplanade.

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To those of our readers who have been or are Volunteers, the changed condition of that branch of the service must be very apparent. Time was when the Volunteer was a Saturday afternoon soldier pure and simple, but if the present regulations have the effect of reducing the numerical strength of the fourth line of Britain's defence, they should also have the effect of producing an exceedingly efficient force physically. An order has been issued by the War Office requiring all Volunteers to undergo a special medical examination for fitness, all those who are under the requirements as to height, chest measurement, etc., or over the age of 45, to be struck off the strength. All those who are not first class shots, also, are to be asked to resign. The conditions laid down are very stringent, and will reduce many establishments considerably. The medical inspection will be mostly done in camp, but in the case of those battalions and units which are not going into camp, the inspection will take place as soon as convenient.

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The main body of the 3rd Battalion (Highland Borderers Militia) assembled at Stirling Castle at the beginning of the month for their annual training. The work of clothing them was expeditiously performed, and the battalion left in the afternoon for Jamestown, where they will be encamped at Auchencarroch Moor till the end of the month. The detachment numbered about 470 men, and this with 130 recruits already in camp makes a total of 600 men under canvas. They travelled per special train, Lieutenant-Colonel J. Scott Plummer being in command

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The Dumbartonshire Battalion had their Annual meeting on Auchencarroch Range recently, and in the Levenfield Competition, open to Sergeant Instructors only, the following were the prize-winners :—

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Winner of £3, Sergt.-MajorMcDonald, Helensburgh; winner of £2, Sergt. Instructor Johnstone, Dumbarton; winners of £1, Sergt. Instructor Sim, Kirkintilloch; Sergt. Instructor Peaseland, Cardross; Sergt. Instructor Milne, Mounted Coy., Maryhill; Sergt.-Instructor McDonald, Renton.

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Messrs. Kynoch of Birmingham have produced a new type of high explosive to which they have given the name of "Axite." At a recent demonstration of its powers attended by representatives of the several arms of the British service, various foreign Governments and British gunmakers, it it was proved that the new explosive does not corrode the gun barrels neither does it produce erosion. A weapon from which 20 rounds of Axite had been fired 20 hours previously, without subsequent cleaning, was handed round, and to the naked eye the barrel appeared as if it never had been used. It was also proved that the velocity developed was much greater, consequently much flatter trajectory and increased accuracy were gained, the trajectory of the bullet at 500 yards obtained with the new explosive being six inches lower than that obtained with the present service cordite.

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The main body of the 4th Battalion (Royal Renfrewshire Militia) mobilised at Paisley on the 3rd July, and in the course of the afternoon left in two special trains for their annual training at Irvine Moor. The men turned out satisfactorily, and 19 officers and 700 rank and file left for Irvine. About 300 recruits have been stationed there for some time past, and these added to the main body will bring the battalion roster up to over 1000.

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Corporal Britton of the 1st Stirling is one of the younger generation of Scottish shooting men. His brilliant victory recently of winning both the silver medal for first distance and the championship and the Gold Lion Badge at Darnley, stamps him as one the élite among northern marksmen. The silver medal and gold lion badge have never before been won by the same man at one time, this fact in itself conferring an unique distinction upon Britton's victory.

FIVE MILE AMATEUR CHAMPION OF INDIA: PIPER J. WRIGHT, 93RD HIGHLANDERS.

Consistently fine shooting characterised his efforts in the championship. His first stage (shot at 200, 500 and 600 yards) brought out the excellent register of 103 thus: 34, 35, 34, a drop of only two points from the possible. At the second stage (10 shots at 500 and 15 at 600 yards) he had 48 and 69. Considering the weather experienced, a tricky left rear wind and bad light, his score—as indeed the average scoring—was quite remarkable. Corporal Britton resides in Lennoxtown, where he follows the occupation of calico printer. Locally he has long had a great reputation as a marksman, and last year at Bisley he was one of the Scottish Team which won the National Challenge Trophy.

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In a recent issue of the "Peoples' Journal" an interesting account of the services of one of the best known of our "Thin Red Line" veterans in the person of Drum-Major Rattray is given. Although our old comrade is close upon eighty years of age, he still enjoys the best of health, and is proud of the fact that at the recent dinner of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Association he only met one older soldier than himself, namely Sergeant Cobb.

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The sergeant-instructors of the 3rd Renfrew, together with their wives and families, spent a Wednesday afternoon very pleasantly at Patterton, the occasion being their annual picnic. The weather, which is so important a factor in the success of such a gathering, was delightful. The proceedings began with luncheon served in the dining hall under the direction of Colour-Sergeant-Instructor and Mrs. Patterson, and presided over by Sergeant-Major Beattie. The meal was followed by a short toast list. The loyal toast having been pledged, the chairman proposed the health of Colonel Campbell, and alluded to his generous contribution to the picnic. The Sergeant-Major regretted that at the last moment Mrs. Campbell and their little son were unable to be present. In acknowledging that toast Col. Campbell alluded to the devotion which the Sergeant-instructors showed towards the battalion. The Colonel proposed success to the staff of the 3rd Renfrew, and the toast was acknowledged by Sergeant-

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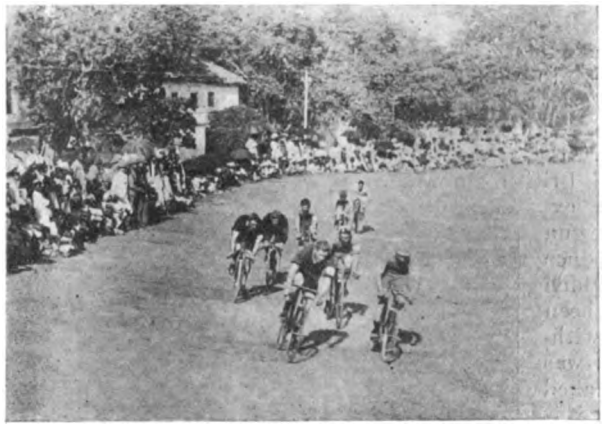
Major Beattie. On the call of Mr. A. M'Callum, Sergt.-Instructor and Mrs. Patterson were heartily thanked for their attention to the creature comforts of the party. Colonel Campbell afterwards, on behalf of the Sergeant-instructors, presented each of the wives with a brooch as a memento of the occasion. The afternoon was devoted to sports for the children, who received useful prizes. A refreshing cup of tea was also served.



THE RACE FOR THE FIVE MILES AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA AT MHOW.

Feeding the Soldier.

There is an interesting article entitled "How Soldiers are Fed" in the "Windsor Magazine." The writer points out that Napoleon's aphorism, "An army marches on its stomach," is universally accepted without demur. Tents and transports can be dispensed with at a pinch, but not rations. Bread, indeed, is of far more service in the field than bullets. It is said of Picton that he inclined to this view to such an extent that he once had a soldier shot for throwing away a sack of flour in order to make room for ammunition. The Iron Duke, too, held very strong views on the necessity of feeding his troops well, and during the Peninsular campaign would never commence a day's operations until he had first satisfied himself that the commissariat arrangements were in proper working order. One of the principal charges against the War Office in the conduct of the Crimean War was that it

PAID NO ATTENTION TO THE FOOD

supply of the army. This accusation, however, is an unjust one, for although the arrangements were improperly carried out and thereby occasioned great suffering, the matter was given considerable attention. The great Soyer himself, the famous chef of the Reform Club, was specially dispatched to the seat of hostilities for the purpose of superintending the culinary department. He took himself very seriously, and invented a patent stove for the preparation of meals in a short time. He also drew up a series of menus for use in the field. These were afterwards reprinted in an official "Manual of Military Cooking."

One or two of the official handbooks on military cooking appear to be somewhat humorously compiled, for they give minute directions for the making of many dishes that never by any chance figure in barrack-rooms. Among such are omelettes with fine herbs, blanc-mange, jellies, pancakes, and muffins. However, there is nothing like being prepared for contingencies, and the soldier is accordingly provided with recipes for these dainties, as well as for the simpler dishes in daily use. The commonest among these latter are, after plain roasts and boils, those known as "sea-pie" and

"TOAD-IN-THE-HOLE."

The former is made of meat mixed with vegetables and flour, and strained for three hours; while the latter is a succulent preparation—meat, egg-powder, flour, and milk. In either case the allowance of meat is 45lb. for every 60 men. Another popular item in the bill of fare is "Turkish pillau," the ingredients of which are meat, rice, flour, herbs, and onions, seasoned with cayenne pepper. In India curry looms largely in the daily menu.

Beer in camp is issued very sparingly. The canteens are only open for its sale during certain hours, and no man is allowed to purchase more than a couple of pints at a time. This is generally found to be enough; some soldiers, however, seem to have an extraordinary capacity for drinking or else manœuvring is provocative of extreme thirst as they have no difficulty in disposing of six times the regular allowance. A story is told of one who, patronising the canteen too freely, was brought up the next morning for drunkenness. "Now, Murphy," said the Colonel, "tell me the truth and I'll let you off lightly. Were you drunk yesterday?" "Certainly not, sorr," was the indignant reply. "Oh come," returned the other, "you don't mean to tell me you didn't drink any beer at all?" "Well, your Honour," answered Murphy, candidly, "I wasn't what you would call squiffy, but I don't mind admitting I did have a few quarts."

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Cricket.

Versus 2ND E. LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

On the 15th July a cricket match took place against our neighbours at Ghorpuri, the 2nd East Lancashire Regiment, on their ground. This was the opening match of the season, and it was realized that our team should have had more practice. Losing the toss we fielded first, and the fielding left much to be desired, our opponents being let off on several occasions and being allowed to knock up a total of 292 runs. Our batting proved no more of a success than our fielding, and the East Lancashire Regiment won the match very easily. The following was the score :—

2ND EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

Pte.	Wigglesworth st. Forbes b. Markey	9
Lieut.	Agar c. Hartley b. Stevenson	58
Sergt.	Davey b, Hartley	0
,,	Johnson c. Turnbull b. Stevenson	82
Capt.	Rutter c. Hartley b. Stevenson	71
Maj.	Voyle c. and b. Hartley	10
Lieut.	Hill c. Sandeman b. Mackenzie	37
,,	Goff l. b. w. Stevenson	0
,,	Whittaker not out	13
Pte.	Bilson l. b. w. Stevenson	2
,,	New c. Maclean b. Stevenson	0
	Byes	8
	Leg Byes	1
	No Balls	1
	Total	292

93RD HIGHLANDERS.

Pte.	V. G. Mackenzie b. Johnson	0
Lieut.	R. R Forbes b. New	4
,,	H. B. Hartley c. Agar b. Johnson	5
,,	J. Kennedy b. Johnson	9
,,	M. G. Sandeman c. Davey b. Johnson	10
Pte.	Stevenson b. New	11
Lieut.	C. P. James b. New	2
,,	A. J. H. Maclean b. New	13
Sergt.	J. H. Markey c. Bilson b. Whittaker	28
,,	E. Mahoney not out	7
Pte.	H. J. Turnbull c. Davey b. Goff	7
	Byes	14
	Total	110

At a Sunday School in the East-End of London a certain professor was giving a magic lantern lecture, the subject of which was "Notes and Scenes from the Bible." He engaged a fiddler to play appropriate music between the slides. The fiddler could play the latest songs, but of hymns and such like he knew nothing. When the first picture, which represented "Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden," was shown, the fiddler, inspired by this, broke forth with the strains of "There's only one girl in the world for me!"

Education in the Army.

With a view to encouraging a proper emulation in all branches of the service in the matter of education, the Army Council have decided that a return shall in future be issued from time to time showing those units which possess a standard of 2 per cent. of their strength qualified for first and second class school certificates. In this return, which will be made up until further orders to September 30th of the year preceding its issue, the order of merit of units will be given according to the percentage of first class certificates. For the year 1904 the following regiments, etc., have qualified in the order of merit.

Infantry.—3rd Rifle Brigade, 1st South Wales Borderers, 2nd Cameron Highlanders, 3rd Worcestershire Regt., 1st Wiltshire Regt., 2nd Gordon Highlanders, 2nd West Riding Regt., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Yorkshire Regt., 2nd York and Lancaster Regt., 3rd Scots Guards, 2nd Suffolk Regt., 1st East Kent Regt., 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd King's Royal Rifles, 4th Lancashire Fusiliers, 1st Royal Sussex Regt., 1st Yorkshire L.I., 1st Somersetshire L.I., and 1st Norfolk Regt.

Among artillery units No. 90 Co. R.G.A. had a percentage of 8·70 first-class certificates; the lowest to qualify had 4·07. The highest infantry battalion, the third Rifle Brigade, had 3·76 first-class certificates.

In the opinion of the Army Council the best results will follow upon the new departure, as hitherto there has been no satisfactory method of bringing home to N.C.O.'s and men the advantages of preparing themselves to undergo the examination for the higher certificate. The issue of the return, it is felt, will have a most salutary effect in course of time in raising the standard of education throughout the Army.

"The Military Mail."

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(With reference to the foregoing, the following are the figures given in the return rendered from the Ninety Third, and which enable us to take fourteenth place in the roll:—First Class Certificates, 15; Second Class Certificates, 154. Ed.)

A Celtic guide was showing some English tourist over a well-known district of the Highlands. Reaching the summit of a famous height, he became eloquent about the view. One of the English tourists was mildly enthusiastic. "Yes, you can see a great distance from here, I have no doubt." "Yuss," was the Highlandman's reply, "she can see some six or eight miles on a clear day." "I suppose if you had a glass you could see a great deal farther?" "She doesna naw whether she could see much farther or no, but it would be rale refreshin'."

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Native Servants.

VIEWED FROM THE RANKS.

On reading, quite recently, in one of our home weeklies, a discussion on the capabilities, for good and for bad, of the Indian Native Servant, I was quite astonished to find such a diversity of opinion on the question. Surely, I said to myself, the various parties in the discussion could not have had much experience of Native Servants, as, thought I, it does not take many moons to discover the artfulness of the wily heathen. But on reflection, the conclusion I came to was that these writers had evidently occupied higher positions in the social life of India than I had, hence their not coming so closely into contact with the crafty nigger narrowed their views considerably. Walking round any British Regiment in India, one can scarcely help noticing the large number of natives employed in Barracks. Every Company possesses several "shoe-boys" and once a "non-com" reaches the glory of three stripes, he generally employs a native bearer for himself. Then in the married quarters one finds almost every caste of native represented engaged in all capacities from cook to the "lounder" employed in keeping a watchful eye on the younger offspring of the married soldier. If one wishes to study the servant question closely, the native "Soldier" cook, is as good a sample as any. Of his genius as a spoiler of good meat it is not worth while discoursing, as no doubt the the mysterious cutlet and the odorous curry have still their admirers in the ranks, but one of the first points I noticed in my native cook was, and I expect others have had the same experience, the religious observance of "caste" prejudices on all occasions—when it suited him. I never could discover what he was exactly, as he participated in all "rami-samis," whether Hindu, Mohammedan, Jain, or any other of the many sects which abounded in the district, with equal partiality, but when it came to sweeping a floor, he always gravely informed me that his caste would not allow him to perform such menial work. The "caste" however did not prevent him securing a goodly portion of my rations for his own consumption, or from attending the local Christian mission to participate in the periodical distribution of clothing. On these latter occasions he appeared a model native Christian until such times as the charity bestowed on him could be safely exchanged for the one thing which caste prejudices never seem to include, and that is—rum.

It was quite a common occurrence for him to absent himself for a day or two, particularly after the monthly cash settlement day came round, and his excuses were as varied as his apparel. The numbers of brothers and grandmothers he buried, and the number of sisters and other near and far relatives he had felt compelled to witness the marriage ceremony of, was to say the least of it remarkable. As for his cleanliness, when he could not borrow my soap or towel, his toilet was performed in an old "salmon" tin. Recently I noticed, however, that "salmon" tins were not quite so fashionable as they at one time were—Quaker Oat tins (no advertisement please) now being considered the necessary adjunct to a comfortable bath.

As I already mentioned, there are still some soldiers who prefer native cooks notwithstanding the well known statistics regarding enteric, etc., but I am glad to say that the more sensible portion of the British troops thoroughly appreciate the endeavours to oust the native and in his place substitute a well trained comrade in arms to superintend the cooking of meals.

Spring-time.

So now we have an introduction, to a season of instruction,
And of drill and "fizzing" round we have our fill;
You can hear the "non-com" sighing, when his lungs he is a trying,
In our periodical refreshing course of drill.

As round the square we're tripping, and on the maidan skipping,
A drill book in each hand to help the brain,
We feel that springtime is, a trying time of "biz,"
And really wish Manœuvres on again.

We have no time for rest, day and night we do our best,
To master all the latest things in moves.
But to our sorrow and our woe, we find it is no go,
When our chief in manner "quiet" reproves.

There's such an overhauling, as new commands we're squalling
We sometimes think we're born for a "command,"
But our notions quickly tumble, when mistakes cause us to stumble,
And we wish ourselves in quite another land.

But then we're at our best, when comes the time of rest,
And with a "shandy" cool and fair,
We sit beneath the shade, and dream that we are made,
To pass our time away without a care.

Instancing the ignorance which prevails in some districts about the Navy, the Marquis of Graham in making a presentation to H.M.S. *Excellent*, at Portsmouth, said that when the Clyde Division of the Naval Volunteer Reserve was formed, a clothing contractor asked him whether the men would wear sporrans.

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Soldiers at Sea.

All the world has grown accustomed of late, to regard the British "Jack-Tar" as a man equally able to hold his own on "terra firma" and on the element he "rules and rides," and it is in recognition of his most recent exploits in this direction that he has been dubbed "The Handy Man."

The bulk of the great British public, however, is not apparently aware that Jack's brother-in-arms, "T. Atkins, Esquire," has also proved himself equally at home "on sea or shore" in the past, or that the records of the British Army contain some very remarkable accounts of our soldiers' exploits on the high seas.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, the Army took part in a large proportion of the Empire's sea fights, and as a result we find accounts of regiments being raised entirely for sea service. The regiments now known as the "East Lancashires," the "East Surreys" and the "Cornwall Light Infantry" were also raised in 1702, and they took part in Sir Cloudesley Shovel's capture and retention of Gibraltar. They also were present at the capture of Barcelona. It was at this latter action that an incident occurred so remarkable as to deserve mention here. The Colonels of the 30th and 52nd (East Lancashires and Cornwall Light Infantry) disagreed on some matter relative to the landing of the troops, and so acute became their quarrel, that, in the presence of the whole of their troops, they fought a duel on the beach, with the result that one of the principals (Colonel Rodney) was killed.

It was natural, that the dual part taken by soldiers in those days of great sea and land fights should result in titles that would nowadays, cause a great deal of merriment. Almost as absurd as the title of Horse Marines (a term of derision now) was one bestowed on a Corps raised in 1664. They were then called "The Admiral's Regiment," but on their re-organization, twenty years later became "H. R. H. The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot."

The bearing of the British soldier in the time of danger on the sea is exemplified in the world-famous story of the sinking of the *S.S. Birkenhead*, a tale that requires no retelling. It is not, however, by any means an isolated example of splendid heroism under the most trying circumstances, and there are on record quite a number of similar incidents, all of which are splendid testimonials to the soldier sons of the race.

The tale of the *Birkenhead* was not even the first of such incidents. Six years before the "Ninety-First Highlanders" were on their way to India per *S.S. Abercrombie Robinson*, when, off Table Bay, during a terrific hurricane, the vessel struck a sunken rock and in a short time became a wreck. To the beat of the drum, and in absolute silence, the five hundred troops on board "fell-in" on deck, and not a soldier stirred until every woman and child was safely bestowed in the ship's boats. Fortunately all the troops were saved. It was a severe test of courage and coolness, and the men rose to the occasion in the true British style.

An even more terrible experience fell to the lot of the Dorset Regiment in 1857, and like the Argylls and the *Birkenhead* men, they showed a splendid courage and devotion to duty. Half way out on their voyage to Mauritius, their vessel was found to be on fire and it was only by dint of herculean labour that it was saved from complete destruction. As it was, when it arrived at its destination all that remained of it was a burnt-out shell.

Another Highland Regiment, the "Seaforths," can tell of a terrible experience at sea and it is one of which the regiment may well be proud. In 1816, they were *en route* for Calcutta from Batavia. A few miles from Preparis, a sunken rock turned the fine ship *Charlotte* into a complete wreck. In a quarter-of-an-hour from the striking, the main deck was awash. But despite the suddenness of the disaster, no vestige of panic became apparent, women, children, and sick, together with all the food that could be saved—a few bags of rice and some pieces of salt pork—were speedily placed in the ship's boats and sent off to the island of Preparis. It was four days, though, before the troops could be landed and during the whole of this time, one hundred and forty of the soldiers were on a raft fastened to a rock near the ship. For four days these men had neither food nor water and their raft was during the whole time submerged to the depth of over one foot.

When the troops were landed, there were still further trials to undergo, and for twenty-nine days they subsisted on their scanty rations without relief. These rations consisted of one glass of rice and two ounces of water-sodden salt pork every two days.

Their conduct and discipline during that trying month have been characterized as "worthy of the most perfect gentlemen."

Less grim was the experience of the "Old Buffs" some 45 years later, but equally worth telling. They were coming home as passengers from China in the *S.S. Athletia*, when, at Cape Town, the crew of the vessel made an ineffectual attempt to desert wholesale. When a day's sail out from the Cape, the crew struck work, and demanded that the ship should be put back to Table Bay. On the horns of the dilemma, the Captain was about to give way to the men, when Colonel Sargent, commanding "The Buffs," suggested that the

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strikers should be put under guard in the foc'sle on a diet of bread and water, and promised that he'd get enough volunteers from amongst his men to work the ship. And he was as good as his word, for the men of the Buffs proved themselves most capable seamen both on deck and aloft. The Colonel himself was one of the most intrepid of the helpers when anything aloft was doing.

Within a fortnight the strike was all over and the malcontents returned to their duty. Their "understudies" proved themselves as generous as they had been proved useful, and when the Captain proposed that they should receive the pay of the strikers they unanimously declined.

Perhaps the most remarkable title ever given to British Soldiers was when, in 1804, a detachment of 120 troops appeared in the estimates as *H.M. Sloop-of-War Diamond Rock* Diamond Rock is a precipitous island, which rises abruptly out of the ocean just off Cape Diamond. In form it is like a haystack, but in spite of its precipitous and dangerous slope, the detachment held it in 1804 against the French fleet for five months, and then capitulated with all the honours of war—flags flying, bearing arms, and with promise of a passage to Barbados.—"*The Suffolks Gazette*"

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UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TO 3RD V B. A. & S. HIGHLANDERS WHO FELL IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The unveiling of a memorial in the parish church yard at Neilston to the Volunteers belonging to the village took place on Tuesday, 20th June. The 3rd Volunteer Battalion, numbering about 500, under the command of Colonel J. M. Campbell paraded at Barrhead Railway Station and marched to Neilston Parish Church. A guard of Honour composed of the men of the battalion who had served in South Africa marched in front and the route was lined with thousands of spectators.

The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. Robert Barr and Rev. Jas Mackie, two of the regimental chaplains, the former conducting the funeral oration, and briefly reviewing the causes which led to the outbreak of the South African War and the call to arms of the auxiliary forces of the country and how promptly and loyally the call was responded to.

On leaving the church the Volunteers, under their respective officers, took their places to the right of the memorial, the guard of honour being on the left. The buglers, pipers, and brass band were immediately behind. Colonel Campbell, Hon. Colonel Hamilton, Major J. W. Heys, Major Herry Heys and Captain and Adjutant Lang, together with the relatives of the fallen Volunteers, occupied places in front.

Colonel Hamilton, before performing the unveiling ceremony, said it was a great honour to have been asked by Colonel Campbell to unveil the monument which had been erected in memory of the three men from that village who had so faithfully served their Queen and country in South Africa. He thought it was fitting that he should perform the ceremony, as he was in command of the battalion at the time that Volunteers were asked for. The manner in which the Volunteers had performed their duty in South Africa was well known to every one, and their ability had been testified to by those in high places in the army. From the accounts which he had received, he knew that the men who went from their own battalion had done their duty nobly and well, and in erecting this memorial they were only giving honour to whom honour was due. Colonel Hamilton apologised for the absence of Colonel King and also of Major Black, who was in command of the company when their comrades died. In writing to Colonel Campbell regretting his inability to be present, Major Black said—"I have looked forward for years to being at this ceremony, and would have liked again to show my respect for the memory of three brave young fellows who so unfortunately met their death in my company in South Africa. They died at the post of duty where I had placed them, and it is very fitting indeed that their friends and fellow-townsmen should keep their memory green in the way proposed."

Colonel Hamilton then withdrew the veil; after which the guard of honour gave "Present-arms" and "Rest on arms reversed," the pipers played a lament, the "Last Post" was sounded by the buglers, the guard of honour gave "Present arms," and the brass band struck up the National Anthem. "Slope arms" having been given by the guard of honour, the battalion marched off.

Mrs. Glen, of Carlibar, afterwards entertained the battalion in the Glen Halls.

The memorial, which takes the form of an Ionic Cross, 10 feet in height, has been erected in the churchyard on a site granted free by the heritors.

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The Vale of Peshawar.

(*The following Lines were written by Capt. Knowles, 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, in memory of 2 Colonels, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Doctor and 125 men, women, and children of the above Regiment who fell victims to Asiatic Cholera at Peshawar, British India, from 10th to 25th September 1862.*)

Farewell to our comrades, a last kind farewell,
No more shall we meet them in woodland or dell,
Ne'er again hear their voices; their marching is o'er
They are resting at peace in the Vale of Peshawar.

No more shall they gaze on the Tay, Clyde, or Forth,
Or climb steep hills of their own darling North;
For the angel of death has stooped from his throne,
And barred them for aye from their dear native [home,

There's a wail of distress in the woodland cot,
Loving hearts throb with pain in some long cherished spot,
As memory brings back with soul cherishing power,
The dear forms of those left in the Vale of Pesha- [war.

Oft, oft have they marched to conquer or fall
To the scream of the pipes in the "Garb of old Gaul;"
They have joined in our wild cheer, when with death dealing hand
We rushed on the foes of our dear native land,

But now we must leave them with a last sad farewell,
The volley of peace has rung out their knell;
We will often think kindly, but never gaze more,
On the comrades we left in the Vale of Peshawar.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for September, 1905.

1 F. Establishment reduced to 30 Officers, 41 sergeants, 23 drummers, and pipers, 40 corporals and 500 privates, 1878.
2 S.
3 S.
4 M.
5 Tu.
6 W. Victoria Cross presented to Lieut.-Colonel Hans Garrett Moore at Gibralter, 1879.
7 Th.
8 F. Second grand assault on Sebastopol, 1856, Redan entered by Lieutenants McBean and Fenwick and 10 volunteers, and found deserted.
9 S. Tochi Campaign, Second Khaza Column under General Penn-Symons left Sheranni, 1897, Third Cholera outbreak in 1862.
10 S. Presidential Assault-at-Arms, Poona, 1904. Light Weight Tug-of-War won.
11 M.
12 Tu.
13 W.
14 Th Landed in Crimea, 1854.
15 F.
16 S. Embarked on board H.M.S. "*Alceste*," "*Bedforde*," and "*Bell Poule*" for America, (New Orleans), 1818. Strength, 33 Officers, 42 sergeants, 22 trumpeters (?) 48 corporals, and 817 privates.
17 S. Enfield rifles (53 pattern) issued to regiment in Crimea, 1854. Sergeants Left Half Battalion win Presentation Shooting Club at Ranikhet, 1901.
18 M.
19 Tu. March to Sebastopol commenced, 1854.
20 W. Battle of Alma, 1854—1 Officer and 7 men killed, 44 wounded. "*Mauritius*" arrived Calcutta, 1857.
21 Th. Embarked Guernsey for Scotland, (Kirkcaldy), 1802.
22 F.
23 S. Embarked Fort George for Guernsey, 1800.
24 S.
25 M.
26 Tu. "*Belleisle*" arrived in Calcutta, 1857; regiment met and welcomed by Sir Colin Campbell.
27 W.
38 Th.
29 F.
30 S.

Regimental Gazette

Extract from the London Gazette, dated 17th July, 1905.

1st King's Dragoon Guards. Second Lieutenant L. St. Clair Cheape, from *Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders)* to be Second Lieutenant, dated 8th July, 1905.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 9186 Pte. W. McKilligan, "G" Coy., dated 12th July, 1905.
,, 4553 Bandsman F. Quinn, "H" ,, } dated 22nd
,, 5758 ,, E. Parry, "D" ,, } July, 1905.
,, 9711 Private T. Forrest, "A" ,, dated 28th July, 1905.

To be School Assistant.

No. 4609 Corporal A. E. Smith, "F" Company.

To be Acting Piper.

No. 8078 Pte. A. Campbell, "A" Coy., dated 25th July, 1905.

To be Acting Bandsman.

No. 5659 Pte. H. Darwood, "C" Coy., dated 20th March, 1905.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 7547 Lce. Cpl. D. McIntosh, "F" Coy., dated 30th June, 1905.
,, 6397 ,, J. Wright, "E" ,, dated 14th July, 1905.
,, 7425 ,, H. Smith, "B" ,, dated 21st July, 1905.

SERVICE PAY.

Granted and Restored.

"A" Company.

Class I at Sevenpence.

No. 6996 Pte. A. Reid. | No. 6780 Pte. W. Broadfoot.

"C" Company.

No. 6555 Private J. Smith.

"D" Company.

No. 7508 Private W. Tennant.

"E" Company.

No. 6479 Pte. A. McFarlane | No. 7575 Pte. L. Davidson
No. 7857 Private P. McPherson.

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"F" Company.

No. 7740 Pte. A. Wade | No. 7598 Pte. J. Duncan.
No. 6722 Private J. Broderick.

"G" Company.

No. 7557 Pte. C. Stead | No. 7811 Drummer J. Scott.
Class I at Sixpence.

"A" Company.

No. 9225 Pte. T. Guthrie | No. 6639 Pte. J. Russell.
„ 8806 „ A. Bell | „ 9616 „ W. Beattie.

"B" Company.

No. 9224 Private T. Kerr.

"C" Company.

No. 7858 Private C. Morrison.

"G" Company.

No. 9180 Pte. W. McCandly | No. 6420 Pte. T. Foster.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted three Good Conduct Badges.

No. 4834 Pte. D. Carr, "H" Company.

Granted two Good Conduct Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 7512 Pte. J. Calmont | No. 3930 Pte. W. McMaster.

"D" Company.

No. 6345 Private R. G. Wylie.

"F" Company.

No. 7589 Pte. J. Duncan | No. 6335 Pte. D. McCreath.

"G" Company.

No. 7557 Pte. C. Stead | No. 7811 Drummer J. Scott.
No. 3927 Private W. Walker.

Granted one Good Conduct Badge.

No. 4627 Private H. Walker, "A" Company.
„ 9224 „ T. Kerr, "B" „
„ 5279 „ T. Pollock "D" „
„ 9248 „ D. Wilson, "F" „

CERTIFICATES.

Granted First Class Certificates of Education, dated 28th March, 1905.

No. 4069 Sergeant J. Edgar, "H" Company.
„ 5944 Private D. Halley, "H" „
„ 6449 Bandsman W. G. Yeo, "C" „

Granted Part I., First Class of Education.

No. 3860 Lce. Sergeant J. Douglas, "G" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years service.

No. 5182 Private T. Morrison, "B" Company.

Extended to complete 12 years service.

No. 6397 Lce. Cpl. J. Wright, "E" Company.
„ 6598 Private D. Cochrane, "G" „

Extended to complete 8 years service.

No. 6420 Private T. Foster "G" Company.
„ 9081 „ W. McCandly "G" „
„ 9059 „ J. Jannetts, "C" „
„ 9225 „ T. Guthrie, "A" „
„ 6722 „ J. Broderick, "F" „

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Of Married Establishment.

Duncan Knox, son of Lce. Cpl. D. McGilivray, "G" Company.

Ivy Phyllis, daughter of Private D. White, "C" Company.

Sybil Mary, daughter of Q.M.S. J. Gunn, "C" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGH.

Embarked for England on the S.S. "Caledonia," 8th July, 1905.

Invalids, No. 4428 Private W. Adams, "C" Coy.
„ 9356 „ J. Forsyth "B" „
Sick Attendant. No. 4924 Private A. Gillies, "F" Company.

FURLOUGHS.

The undermentioned are granted Furloughs as noted :—

No 7822 Pte. J. Stevens, "C" Coy. 30-6-05 to 31-8-05.
„ 4832 „ P. Bradley, "G" „ 10-7-05 to 10-9-05.
„ 6420 „ T. Foster, "G" „ 10-8-05 to 30-9-05.
„ 7319 „ J. Lothian, "B" „
„ 7995 „ J. McMahon, "B" „ 1-8-05 to 30-9-05.
„ 7960 „ V. G. McKenzie "B" „
„ 7366 „ C. B. Painter "B" „ 8-8-05 to 7-9-05.
„ 8189 „ P. Skiff, "E" „ 31-7-05 to 26-8-05.
„ 6335 „ D. McCreath, "F" „ 31-7-05 to 30-9-05.
„ 4314 Dr. W. Hughes, "D" „ 16-7-05 to 30-9-05.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

HYSLOP. At Darjeeling, on the 12th May 1905, to the wife of Captain H. G. Hyslop, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a son, Hugh John Maxwell.

GUNN. At Mount Abu, on the 5th July 1905, to the wife of Quarter Master Sergeant J. Gunn, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter, Sybil Mary.

MARRIAGE.

McRAE-HERRON.—At 10 Mary Street, Johnstone, on the 21st July 1905, by the Rev. A. Halliday, Sergeant Alex. McRae, Ninety-Third Highlanders, to Agnes Nicholson, daughter of the late Mr. James Herron, Mid Calder.

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Colonel W. Allan	2	14	0
Captain C. W. H. Bell	6	0	0
Captain H. H. G. Hyslop	3	0	0
Lieut. K. D. M. Henderson	3	0	0
2nd Lieut. A. A. L. Campbell	2	12	0
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SKIRLS

The month of August has been of the usual busy nature. Field training, Musketry, and Gymnastics have engaged the attention of half of the Battalion consequently the duty falling upon the remainder has been exceptionally heavy. "A" Company under Captain McCandlish and "C" Company under Captain A. H. Maclean have completed their annual course of training, while "B" and "H" Companies under Captain Tweedie and Lieuteuant Sandeman respectively have made a start. "E" Company has finished its annual course leaving the range for "D" Company to follow, and "A" Company have entered on their twelve days' Gymnastic course, being the last Company to go through. At present there is every prospect that by the opening of the drill season the Battalion will have completed the whole of its company training, and be free to enter a Battalion training with all the eight Companies at once.

The Editor has to apologise for the delay in the appearance of this number of the "Thin Red Line." Last year about this time we were unfortunate in losing the Editor and Manager through duty and sickness respectively, and this year the same thing has happened. However, it is to be hoped our many readers will overlook the delay, as next month's issue will probably be up to date.

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During the last few week we had plenty of rain, thereby augmenting the monsoon which is now considered a good one. The Ninety-Third is to be congratulated on not having a tithe of the sickness in its ranks which they were so unfortunate to experience last year. The few cases of enteric fever which have occurred have been of a mild nature, and up to the moment of writing the whole of the Bazaar and Contonments are open to the troops while last season they were oftener out of than in bounds.

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"E" Company under Captain Glasfurd have completed their annual Musketry course, and Sergeant Davie Inglis has upheld his reputation by coming out best shot. The scores, etc., appear in our Musketry columns.

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We have to congratulate Captain Elphinston on his having elected to run in double harness for the future. It is regretted we cannot give our readers an account of the marriage which took place

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at home, but to Mrs. Elphinston we extend a hearty welcome to the Ninety-Third.

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During the month Sergeant Snowdon, our popular Pioneer Sergeant, proceeded to Rangoon to take up an appointment on the Ordnance Department. We take this opportunity to convey to Sergeant and Mrs. Snowdon the best of luck and success in their new station.

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On 16th August Private McDonald, "G" Company, proceeded to Bombay to fight Corporal Hanlon of the Yorkshires in a twenty round contest for a purse of Rs. 300. Macdonald won rather easily, knocking his man out in the third round. A detailed account of the fight taken from a local paper appears on another page.

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It is with great regret that we have to record the death of another of that gallant band of Thin Red Line heroes in the person of David Skinner, who died at the Infirmary, Inverness. The late Mr. Skinner enlisted into the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders and went through the whole of the Crimean and Indian Mutiny Campaigns, for which he held decorations.. After he was discharged with pension he took up his abode in Inverness, at which place he was born, and remained their until his death. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relations and friends.

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After an exceedingly long run of bad luck and three stubbornly fought games we had to acknowledge defeat in the Richardson Cup Tournament. The Left half Battalion deserve great credit for the way they strove to uphold the reputation of the Regiment, and although beaten they were not disgraced, and we wish them better luck next time. A full account of the games played is given on another page.

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Congratulations to 2nd Lieutenant R. G. Maclaine on qualifying at the examinations at the School of Musketry, Hythe, in May and June this year.

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We regret to say that Lieutenant G. A. Akers-Douglas has had to resign his appointment as A.-D.-C. on the staff of H. E. the Viceroy owing to ill-health. He reverts to regimental duty and is taken on the strength of the battalion with effect from the 15th of July. He proceeded on six months leave out of India on medical certificate from the same date.

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A Mounted Infantry course will commence at Poona on October 2nd for which a certain number of men are needed. The qualifications are, good character, light weight, active habits, 2nd class shot, (preference to be given to 1st class shots,) have four more years to serve in India, and shall possess some knowledge of semaphore signalling. Those who have been employed with mounted infantry on service in South Africa, and those having a knowledge of horses, are to have the preference.

Captain A. Elphinston has been selected to go through the course.

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H.E. The Governor dined at the Officers' Mess on the evening of the 25th August. A guard of honour composed of five sergeants and fifty rank and file under Captain Marshall and Lieutenant Fenzie carrying the Regimental Colour were drawn up in the mess compound with the pipes and drums to receive His Excellency.

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We congratulate Captain Glasfurd on passing an examination in Higher Urdu at Bombay on 7th August.

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Lieutenants O.C. Herbert and A. J. H. Maclean, and Colour Sergeant Brash and Sergeant Ogg proceeded to Satara on 20th August to attend the Second Class of instruction at the School of Musketry.

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Lieutenant A. E. Kennedy took over the duties of acting paymaster on the 20th August.

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The new course of musketry is much more difficult than the old one, and will no doubt reduce the number of marksmen in the battalion.

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Congratulations to Lieutenant R. R. Forbes on his obtaining a certificate to the effect that he has undergone a course of instruction in Gynastics and swordmanship. He is qualified to act as instructor. Degree of proficiency: Gymnastics—First class; Swordmanship—First Class.

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2nd Lieut. A. A. L. Campbell proceeded to Purandhar on the 30th August to take up the duties of section officer.

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The members of the Sergeants' Mess have presented the members of the Officers' Mess with an enlargement of a photograph taken of the officers in the year 1860 at Sialkot, a gift which is greatly appreciated.

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Considering the season and what we went through last year the health of the battalion is distinctly satisfactory. The amount of rainfall makes a great difference to the healthiness of Poona.

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The supplement this month is a picture of "B" Company Hockey team, winners of the Attached Officers' Inter-company Cup.

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The following cutting taken from a local paper may prove of interest to many now serving with the Battalion.

A CUMBRIAN IN TIBET.

Staff Sergeant T. Wylie, Corps of Military Staff Clerks in India, a native of Cleator Moor, is at present staying with friends and enjoying a holiday at Cleator Moor. Sergt. Wylie, who is still a young man, has seen a good deal of service in India. He was clerk in the 1st Brigade office of the Tochi Field Force during 1897-98, for which service he was granted the India general service medal and clasp inscribed Punjab Frontier, 1897-98. He was head clerk on General Sir I. R. I. Macdonald's K.C.I.E. Staff with the Tibet Mission Force, and was mentioned in despatches dated 9th October, 1904, for the good services performed by him throughout the whole of the time the force was in Tibet. He was one of the selected few permitted to visit the Po-ta-la, where the Treaty was being signed. The medal for Tibet has been sanctioned, but not yet issued. Sergt. Wylie returns to India in September, and the wish that all Cumbrians have for him is that his future career will be brighter, if possible, than his past.

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Boxing.

CORPORAL HANLON, YORKS vs. PTE. MACDONALD, 93RD HIGHLANDERS.

This was a battle over which the Colaba and Poona Garrisons showed perhaps even more interest than they did in the big fight, and as each man was received in the ring he was greeted with cheers and the "Hear! Hear! Mac!" delivered as only a Scot can meet the Argyll and Sutherland man. We hardly think that Hanlon stripped so well as he did in the Oval some time back but McDonald certainly turned out in the pink of condition, so much so that although weighing more than his opponent he looked lighter. There can be no comparison as to their respective styles. McDonald is a clever boxer with a great deal of coolness and a nasty left with which he can lead off with telling effect. As Hanlon fought Pte. Ballard gallantly for fifteen rounds a little time back, a long drawn out battle was confidently expected but the clever manner in which McDonald got home in even the first round belied this promise and in the end he had Hanlon groggy and beat in the second round, but the Yorks man fought pluckily on with the third and was then obliged to throw up the sponge.

1st Round:—McDonald led off and Hanlon getting into close quarters they clinched and breaking away the Highlander got home on Hanlon's jaw. McDonald again led off with the left and flushed Hanlon with right and left on the face. All in favour of McDonald. 2 minutes.

2nd Round:—Hanlon in trying to use his left hand swing missed and McDonald lodged two heavy blows on the jaw which rather staggered Hanlon, and he went down for six seconds, and resuming he was too winded to do more than lean up against McDonald and time brought relief. McDonald was easily leading on points, Hanlon fighting against forlorn hopes. 2 minutes.

3rd Round:—This bout was of short duration. McDonald seeing he held the advantage went to work strongly and sent Hanlon down for eight seconds and when he rose banged him into the ropes. It was all over and Hanlon did the wisest thing in tending the mitten. 48 seconds.

Football.

RICHARDSON CUP TOURNAMENT.

The serious work of the football season epened with the above Tournament. Our right half made a grand appearance against the East Lancashires, and although beaten in the end they were not defeated on play. In all three games played they had far and away the best of the best game and only the "deil's ain luck" and the goal-keeping of the Lillywhite's custodian prevented their coming off winners. The left half went down too, but not without a struggle, and though we have to hand over the cup for another season Sergeant Markey and his men can rest assured that their fight will long be remembered in football circles of the Ninety-Third as one of the toughest on record. The following is the scores aud accounts of the various games played :—

2ND ROUND.

Right half 93rd Highlanders *vs.* Right half E. Lancashires.

There being only one game in the first round the remaining teams received a bye, and for the second year in succession our right half team was drawn against the right half of the E. Lancs. Both being local teams the excitement was intense, and a large crowd assembled to witness the encounter. Play opened with the Highlanders pressing, and only smart saving on the part of Carefoot, the E. Lancs. goalkeeper, kept them from scoring. The Lancs. got away on the right, and Donaldson got a hot one to stop which he did all right, but before he could clear one of the Lancs. forwards rushed in and sent the ball past. A narrow shave indeed. From the goal kick the Highlanders made off, and a capital shot from Millar almost took effect, Carefoot saving grandly. The Lancs. got away now, but were soon returned by Reid, who was playing grandly. Galbraith had a shot from the left, but the custodian cleared easily. Half time, no scoring. On resuming the Highlanders went off at a great rate, and it looked only a matter of minutes until they would open the scoring. They gained three corners in as many minutes, but these although placed well, hadn't the desired effect. The pace, which was a hot one, was now beginning to tell, but still good play was the order from start to finish. Time was called without either team having scored. Extra time was decided on and the Highlanders forced matters considerably, Lapsley scoring a grand goal which Carefoot could not negotiate. The excitement now became great, but the interval was called with the Highlanders leading by one goal to nothing. On restarting the Lancs. tried to reduce the leeway, but they were met by stubborn defence, and it looked all over for them, but in the last minute the Lancs. forced a corner from which they equalised. Time was called before the ball was centred,

TEAMS.

Right Half 93rd.

Goal: Lc.-Cpl. Donaldson; Backs: Ptes. Ballantyne and Reid; Halfbacks: Ptes. Gibson, Lapsley and Mowatt; Forwards: Ptes. Smith, M'Millan, Fleming, Millar and Lce.-Corpl. Galbraith.

E. Lancs Right Half.

Goal: Sgt. Carefoot; Backs: Ptes. Lee and Firth, Halfbacks: Ptes. Jackson, Robertson and Alcock: Forwards: Ptes. Peppery, Gregson, Aubrey, Ainsworth and Ramsbottom.

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2ND ROUND.

Left Half 93rd Highlanders *vs.* Right half Leicesters.

The weather was glorious when these two teams met to decide which should enter the semi-final. A large gathering were present to witness the game, which was of an exciting nature all through. The Leicesters losing the toss, kicked off towards the Wanowrie goal, and they at once forced matters. They however met a sound defence and Mullen cleared effectively. A foul against the Highlanders improved the visitors' chances, but the ball was sent past. Another foul for the Leicesters let them away, and a hot scrimmage ensued in front of goal, the Leicesters forcing a corner which proved fruitless. It was early seen that the Leicesters were a well trained team and it speaks volumes for the Highlanders' defence for the way in which they withstood every attack, Mullen in particular being in his best form.

Campbell got away on the left and he sent across a beauty, only to see it go sailing past. The Leicesters broke away and working the ball up the field, got into good position and Cunningham let drive, but Mullen saved brilliantly, for which he was deservedly cheered. Half time arrived with a blank sheet, no scoring. On resuming the Highlanders pressed for a few minutes, but the Leicesters defence baffled all their efforts. Twice the Leicesters goal ran very narrow shaves, but a couple of corners was all the Highlanders could get, both of which proved unproductive, and the visitors once more assumed the aggressive. Duncan relieved matters and the Highlanders made desperate attempts to open the scoring, but a fruitless corner was the only result. The Leicesters now forced matters, and White, when in a grand position, let drive at goal, but Mullen, with his usual coolness saved splendidly. Play raged faster than ever now, the ball travelling rapidly from goal to goal, and the respective defences had to be very lively to avert disaster. A penalty was awarded the Leicesters and Saunderson was entrusted with the kick. Mullen came out to the six yards line, and great was the cheering when he saved magnificently, although the shot was a terrific one. From the corner, the Highlanders forced matters, and Campbell passed to Quinn, who had hard lines in not opening their account, the keeper just getting in the way in time. Montgomery caught the ball, and lifting it over the players heads, almost scored, the ball striking the cross-bar and going over. It was the best effort of the game and deserved a better result. Time was called without any scoring. An extra 20 minutes was played and the Leicesters forced a corner from which they opened the scoring. Cunningham drove hard for goal and the ball, striking the bottom of the cross-bar, rebounded on to the goal line, where Mullen smartly cleared, but the referee after consulting the goal judge, awarded a goal to the Leicesters. Nettled at this reverse the Highlanders came away fully determined to equalise but it was not to be. After changing ends play became much faster and the Highlanders almost equalised. The Leicesters gained a second goal 2 minutes from time and a splendid game ended in a win for them by 2 goals to nil.

Right Half 93rd Highlanders *vs.* Right Half E. Lancs.

(Replayed Tie, 2nd Round.)

Great interest was aroused over this tie, and a rousing game was the outcome of it. The Highlanders losing the toss, kicked off towards the Wanowrie goal, and Galbraith got away on the left only to be pulled up by the right back, who used rather forcible tactics in doing so. Lapsley getting on again had a grand drive but it went over the bar. From the goal kick the Lancs made for Donaldson, but Mowatt came to the rescue and cleared effectively. The ground and ball being rather heavy, mistakes were numerous on both sides, but the pace was very fast for all that. Fleming got well away, but was fouled just on the penalty line, but nothing came of the free kick which was sent past. Half time arrived without either team having scored. The Highlanders rearranged their team in the second half, Lapsley going centre forward and M'Millian going centre half. This change worked wonders, a great improvement all round being the result. The Highlanders were going great guns now and did everything but score, but luck was dead against them. For a full quarter of an hour they bombarded the Lancs. goal but luck and Carefoot frustrated all their efforts. M'Millan was playing a fine breaking up game, and it was owing to him that the Lancs. were confined to their own end. The Highlanders kept pegging away and a splendid shot from Lapsley beat Carefoot all the way, but the post came to his assistance when all seemed lost. It was tantalizing to see all the Highlanders best efforts go for nothing, but it was downright bad luck on the one side and good luck on the other. Time was called with the scores at nothing each. Extra time was played but the score remained unaltered. Referee: Sergeant Darcy.

Result—A draw, no scoring.

A word of sympathy is due to the Highlanders, as their play was of the best that could be desired, but the luck was of the worst.

Undecided Tie.

Right half 93rd Highlrs. *vs.* Right half E. Lancashires.

For the third time these teams met to decide which should enter the semi-final. It was hoped that a finish would be made and the Jocks started first favourites. The weather was showery at the start, but the usual large crowd was present. Prompt to time the teams turned out and the Highlanders, winning the toss, elected to play with the wind and sun in their favour. The Lancashire kicked off, and at once made for goal, but a corner was their only reward. This was cleared, however, and the Jocks had a fine passing run down the field. Pollock signalised his appearance by sending a fine drive across the goal, but it was sent past. The Highlanders pinned their opponents to their own territory, and it was only Carefoot's clever saving powers which kept them from scoring. The Lancashires had now a look in, but it was not for long, the Highlanders defence being impregnable. Back came the Highlanders, and a shot from Pollock almost took effect, the ball just grazing the bar. From the goal-kick, Lapsley got through the defence and making for goal he let drive with a fast low shot which just missed by inches. Half time arrived without either team having scored.

On resuming, the Highlanders forced matters, but a foul against Lapsley brought relief to the Lancashires. From the foul McMillan obtained possession, and kicking well up the field to Fleming, that player gave it to Pollock who had a grand try which came to nought. Mowatt was playing a grand game and it was due to his efforts that the Lancashire's right wing was almost useless. Play slackened down considerably now, and from a burst away the Lancashires gained a corner, from which they opened the scoring. It was a very lucky goal and the Highlanders were to be sympathised with. They had at least three-fourths of the play, and to be a goal down at ten minutes from time was very hard luck indeed. This goal seemed to put new life into the Highlanders, and for the next few minutes it looked odds on them equalising. A foul against the Highlanders spoiled matters for them, but from the free kick they again came away with a rush, and shooting from 15 yards range, Lapsley caused Carefoot some uneasiness with a good shot, which he however cleared. It was now drawing near time, and the Highlanders fairly bombarded the

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Lancashires goal but without effect, time being called with the East Lancashires winners by 1 goal to nil. A word of praise is due to Privates Mowatt and Ballantyne for the way in which they played. There was not a better pair seen in the tournament.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

The teams having been selected to represent the Battalion in the Richardson cup (which by the way is open to the division this year), it was thought advisable to have a practice game or two, previous to starting in the cup ties proper. The Royal Scots who are on furlough kindly consented to oblige us with a game, and the first match took place on Saturday the 5th of August on our new ground.

The teams lined up at 5-30 p.m. and the referee lost no time in getting them set going. Play opened in favour of the 93rd. Fleming getting well set on the right, but the ball was latterly sent over the bar. From the goal kick the Scots got away and Webber their clever centre-forward tricked our halves and sent the ball to Sullivan, but Ballantyne stepped in and cleared. Gibson sent in a beauty from the touch line and Barclay had to concede a corner to save his goal from downfall. From the corner, the Scots got away but Lapsley returned well, and Dunne getting the ball, he opened the scoring with a fast shot, from three yards range, the goal-keeper having no chance whatever. From the kick-off the Scots forced matters, but our defence were not to be beaten, and they were returned pointless. Millar got possession, and made tracks for Barclay, but he was robbed of the ball when getting set for a drive at goal. A misunderstanding between the backs of the Royals, almost led to a second goal, some one shouting to let the ball go, but the goal-keeper punted clear. From a pass from Smith, Fleming got through and scored a somewhat soft goal, the keeper misjudging the ball. Half time arrived without any further scoring. 93rd, 2 goals; R. Scots, 0.

SECOND HALF.

On resuming, play opened briskly and Galbraith got away on the left, and passing to Millar, that player passed to Dunne, who had no difficulty in beating Barclay for the third time. Nettled at this reverse, the Scots came away in good style, and seemed likely to score, but our defence stood up grandly and Reid cleared with a huge punt. Back came the Scots and a good piece of play by Webber brought their first goal. This clever player brought the ball to within 12 yards from goal and passing to Sullivan that player scored a grand goal, the ball grazing the upright on its way into the net. From the kick-off Smith got away on the right and but for Purvis, the Scots left back, felming would have scored again. Not to be done however, back came Fleming, and letting drive from the 12 yards line, he scored with a fast grounder which the goalkeeper failed to negotiate. Time was called without further scoring.

Result.—Right Half 93rd, 4 Goals; R. Scots, 1 goal.

Marriage of Sergeant R. G. Milne.

The marriage of Sergeant Robert Milne, 93rd Highlanders, eldest son of Mr. Milne, wood-engraver, Edinburgh, to Miss Susan Wilson, youngest daughter of Mr. Wilson, Henry Place, Edinburgh, took place at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday evening 20th July in the Graham Street Masonic Hall, Lauriston, where a large number of friends assembled to witness the ceremony. The nuptial rite was performed by the Rev. Mr. Calderwood, Tolbooth Church, Edinburgh, and the bride, who was very handsomely dressed, was given away by her father. There were four bridesmaids—Miss Hunter, Miss Cecilia Milne, Miss Isabella Milne, and Miss Alice Milne, Mr. Charles Milne, brother of the bridegroom, acted as the best man. The wedding reception was held immediately after the ceremony was over and the toast of the happy couple was given by the genial padre, Mr. Calderwood, who in a very racy speech deplored the fact that while on ordinary occasions the husband usually brought his wife to the Church he belonged to on this occasion there would be no increase in the membership of the Tolbooth Church owing to Sergeant Milne and his wife sailing for India at an early date. The toast of the newly married couple was enthusiastically responded to. The wedding supper was partaken of in one of the smaller halls, after which a good old Scotch evening's enjoyment was had in the large hall: dancing and other forms of amusement being indulged in till early morning. The array of talent amongst the friends and guests was truly surprising, and needless to say everyone present enjoyed themselves. The wedding cake, which was of colossal dimensions, was a master piece of the confectioners' art. An amusing episode was the mistaking of the T.R.L. representative for the happy bridegroom, owing to both being in uniform, by a large number of spectators, the former coming in for the full dose of rice, confetti, etc., meant for the latter. Sergeant Milne and his bride left Edinburgh the day after the event on a tour down the East Coast.

Obituary.

We regret to have to announce the death of another old Crimean and Indian Mutiny Veteran in the person of Lieutenant-General Somerset Molyneux Wiseman-Clarke, C.B., on 30th July, 1905, at the age of 75 years. The following is the record of service taken from Burgoyne's Historical Records:—

Somerset Molyneux Wiseman-Clarke, Ensign 23rd November, 1849; was with the 93rd in the Crimea; became Captain 29th December, 1854, and served in the Mutiny Campaign; was mentioned in despatches for the siege of Lucknow; exchanged into 29th Regiment of which he became Lieutenant-Colonel; Brevet Colonel 2nd July, 1875. After his retirement from Regimental Service he took command of the 26th Regimental District, and Commanded the Belfast District from 1887 to 1892. He retired from the Army in 1895. He was appointed to the Colonelcy of the King's Own Scottish Borderers in 1903. The late Lieutenant-General Wiseman-Clarke was in possession of the Crimean Medal with Clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol, Turkish Medal, and Indian Mutiny Medal with two Clasps. He was made a C.B. in 1887.

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Musketry.

REGIMENTAL SHOOTING CLUB.

With the exception of Thursday the 3rd the programme for August was carried out as advertised, and some excellent shooting was witnessed at each days' shoot.

Thursday, 10th August, was addicted to a competition at 600 yards, Bisley targets and marking, the terms being seven rounds, five to count, position—any military. There was also a Pool Target.

The prize-winners with scores were as follows:—

Class A—Number of entries, 23.

1	Private Elton	"B" Coy.	Score	18
2	,, Ross	"E" ,,	,,	17

Class B—Number of entries, 56.

1	Drummer Shirley	"A" Coy.	Score	20
2	Private Turnbull	"H" ,,	,,	18
3	,, Reid	"A" ,,	,,	17
4	,, Taylor	"A" ,,	,,	17
5	Diamond	"E" ,,	,,	17

Class C—Number of entries, 10.

1	Private McBarron	"E" Coy.	Score	17
2	Boy Campbell	"H" ,,	,,	16

Pool Target—Number of shots, 240

1	Sergeant Stobie	"A" Coy.
2	Private Turnbull	"H" ,,
3	,, Walker	"A" ,,
4	,, Millar	"B" ,,
5	Drummer Wardrope	"D" ,,

Thursday, 17th August. Conditions 300 yards. Third Class Figure Target, Rapid, five rounds, kneeling behind cover, 30 seconds allowed.

Prize-winners as follows :—

Class A—Number of entries, 19.

1	Lance-Cpl. Munro	"A" Coy.	Score	15
2	,, Oliver	"E" ,,	,,	14

Class B—Number of Entries, 63.

1	Private Grey	"E" Coy.	Score	16
2	,, Dryden	"G" ,,	,,	15
3	,, Cullen	"E" ,,	,,	14
4	,, Davis	"E" ,,	,,	14
5	,, Polson	"H" ,,	,,	14

Class C—Number of Entries, 5.

1	Private Stewart	"G" Coy.	Score	15

Thursday, 24th August, 500 yards, Second Class Figure Target. Lying in the open. Seven rounds, five to count. Pool Target.

Class A—Number of entries, 14.

1	Lce. Cpl. McGregor	"B" Coy.	Score	19

Class B—Number of entries, 35.

1	Private Anderson	"F" Coy.	Score	19
2	,, Nicholson	"G" ,,	,,	17
3	,, Scott	"G" ,,	,,	17
4	,, Morrison	"E" ,,	,,	17

Class C—Number of entries, 4.

1	Drummer Lees	"H" Coy.	Score	15

Pool Target—Number of shots, 124.

Sergeant Stobie		"A" Coy.
Lce.-Cpl. Lawrie		"H" ,,
,, Stirling		"H" ,,
Private Malcolm		"F" ,,
,, Turnbull		"H" ,,
,, Polson		"H" ,,

Thursday, 31st August, Miniature Range. Bulls-eye Target. All under the rank of Lance-Sergeant (two entries allowed).

The following are the prize.winners :—

1	Private Clanahan	"A" Company.	
2	Piper Milton	"G"	,,
3	Private Munro	"G"	,,
4	,, Brown	"E"	,,
5	Lce.-Cpl. McKilligan	"G"	,,

"E" COMPANY'S ANNUAL COURSE.

"E" Company were first to experience the new course of Musketry, and according to the following results, have not found it an easy task.

Best Shot of Company—Sergeant D. Inglis. Total points, 338

Number of Marksmen; 6 ; First class shots, 36 ; Second class shots, 49 ; Third class shots, 10.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.

That he's na drunk until he canna lie on the floor wi'oot hauding on.

That he didna ken there were thirty haf seconds in a meenit.

That he likes tae argue in the dark as he canna see what he is saying.

That he had an ingrowing toe-nail on his finger.

That he wad like tae hae a a walk thro' Argyll Street in a Gharry.

That it was the pond where they droon the deid niggers.

That she drank the butter and eat the milk.

That he paid for a Gharry tae walk doon toon.

That they'll na get him for Joe again.

That the broon belt wad look better white.

That if he could tak the second pull-off first he wudna be sae frichtened o' his rifle.

That Cockney teachers shoudny be allowed tae teach in Army Schools.

That he went to toon tae meet the new Cookery School.

That he is sae short winded it maks him feel lazy.

What its Purandhar Cousin is saying :

That she takes off her hair tae scratch her heid.

That he sleeps in the window wi' his bunk open.

That Purandhar wis too bracing for him.

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A Trip through Tibet.

So much was written in the papers about Tibet last year that I'm afraid I may be repeating in parts very stale news. However, as I do not think any of the regiment were on the expedition, and as things have necessarily rather changed since we left, I hope this short account of my journey may be of interest to some of your readers.

We left Darjeeling towards the end of July in pouring rain, and as some of you know it *can* rain in Darjeeling. However, before we had gone many miles in cleared up and we had fairly fine weather for over four days journey to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. The road leads by way of Ghoom right down into the Teesta valley, and all along the river the scenery is very fine. We had to leave the main road on the third day owing to bad "slips" and came right up the hill; this, though making our journey much more up and down, gave us a cool night away from the heat and mosquitos of the valley. Gangtok itself is quite a small place consisting of a bazaar, the Maharajah's Palace, the barracks and the houses of the various officials. It was one of the basis of the operations of the expedition last year, and has been rather spoilt by the number of temporary buildings it was necessary to erect for holding stores and so on. These are huge ugly erections, and rather spoil the trimness and neatness of the old station. The Residency is one of the prettiest houses I have ever seen in India, and with its great sloping lawns and flowers and red roof it looks as if it might have been brought bodily out from home. We halted a day here to get our expedition ready and to collect transport and so on. We were supposed to be travelling very lightly but you would hardly have thought so seeing the number of loaded mules it was necessary to take. It is extraordinary when tents and servants' and animals' rations have to be carried how the baggage mounts up. Our second march from Gangtok took us up to a height of 12,000 ft., just above the level of the forests. Here we stayed the night in a wooden house which had been put up last year during the expedition. It is on the edge of a small lake which has the reputation of being of some extraordinary depth. Next day in a drizzle and the wind almost cutting through one, we crossed the Nathu-La (La means pass) 14,000 feet. This is the Sikkim frontier, and from here we descended down into the Chumbi Valley. The rain fortunately stopped soon after we had crossed the pass and gave us a magnificent wiew of this very fine valley. Right down below us were wonderful tracts of cultivation dotted here and there by most picturesque villages so very different from the wooden huts and pass shelters we had left behind on the other side of the frontier. Right at the south entrance to the valley in a narrow gorge is situated Yatung, which was formerly to be the extreme limit of our power in this direction, and used to boast of a permanent official. It is a curious village, or rather double village as the Indian part of it is entirely separate, and cut off by a huge wall from the Chinese on the Tibetan side. It is curious how the Chinese are very much to the fore in all these parts and have their own villages, soldiers and officials, being formerly in many ways the practical rulers. This end of the valley is about 10,000 feet, and the crops are wonderful for that height. Descending into the valley we passed one of the picturesque Tibetan villages, and the headman came out and presented his white scarf which is the customary greeting from all in these parts. These scarves vary very much, from the finest of silk for the high officials to the most flimsy cotton affairs for the poor people. The scarf is usually returned to the poorer class, generally by placing it round his neck, and so does duty many times, and are not always so white as they are meant to be. The British post is situated some four miles up the river, where the small garrison have made themselves fairly comfortable in wooden huts coated with mud, and a small bazaar is growing up near the lines. When I was there the garrison consisted of the 40th Pathans who also supplied the escorts at Phari and at Gyantse. Our next two marches follow up the Chumbi Valley for nearly thirty miles; at first through villages and much cultivation, then through dense forests, and finally (when some eight miles from Phari), leaving the trees completely behind we opened on to wide expanses of grass land; the the hills rounded off and were mostly covered with grass.

Here are thousands of yak feeding everywhere, some even right up on the tops of the hills, indeed a yak never seems so happy as when climbing up some mountain to obtain his grazing. Phari Tong (Fort) is sighted some four miles off, and it seems a very long four miles before one is anywhere near it. It stands on a slight rise, right out in the middle of the plain and must have been a very imposing building. Now however it has greatly been destroyed and though most of the walls are standing the roof is off and the inside in ruins. Round it is the village of Phari, an extremely dirty and not very interesting place. Phari is only just under 15,000 feet and it is

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extraordinary to see crops seemingly flourishing growing round. This flourishing condition is however rather a fraud, as the crops never ripen at this height and are only grown for the straw. We were much struck by seeing acres of the most brilliant blue flower, which turned out on closer inspection to be a very large kind of forget-me-not. Only a mile or two to the north is the very fine snow peak of Chumathari, over 23,000 feet, which even at the height we were seemed to tower above one. Next day on reaching the top of the pass (16,500 ft.), some six miles north of Phari, we crossed into Tibet proper. Here we appear to leave all green things behind us and come out on a huge desert extending for miles, and only broken up here and there by small ranges of hills All along to the east are vast ranges of snow topped mountains, ranging from anywhere between 23 and 26,000 feet, and which mark the frontier of Bhutan. Our road led on for some sixteen miles across this plain until we reached one of the small ranges of hills under which we found a few houses, this place going by the name of Tuna. Here the people all turned out and welcomed us most effusively and indeed I may say here that wherever we went in Tibet we were very much struck by the welcome of the people. Whole villages turned out to pitch our camp, brought us cushions to sit on while our things were being unpacked and in every way did what they could for us. The cushions they bring are really wonderfully clean considering the state of filth both the people and their houses are in, but they keep these cushions on purpose for strangers passing up and down, these being principally their own officials, or for the state, and usually without any payment at all, so that they are naturally delighted when we come along and they find everything is paid for. The expeditition last year of course brought a great deal of money into the country, hence to a great extent the poorer people's pleasure at seeing as again. At Tuna, and indeed right across these plains, their is always a gale blowing from the south. It appears to keep up always the same strength and never to cease except for a short time in the middle of the night and is so cold that after enduring it for a few hours, even we who had it behind us were only too thankful to crouch behind a stone to get out of it for a few minutes. Next day we continued across the plains and passed the battlefield of Guru The wall is still standing which the Tibetans built to block our road, and there are many other remains to mark the fight, though curiously enough absolutely no human remains of any kind, and this though the Tibetans do not bury their dead. This is accounted for by the fact that the Lamas after a fight came out and cut the dead bodies up into small bits for the vultures The small bones they break and the larger ones they grind down to powder between stones ; in this way every trace of the body is removed by the birds. At the further end of the plain is a very large lake extending for some twelve or thirteen miles each way, it has not more than a few inches of grass and reeds at its edges but is of a wonderful blue green colour and an immense relief from the bare desert all round it. We saw quantities of geese and duck on it. The last are mostly brahmin which breed here in great numbers and are treated as rather a sacred bird. They were extraordinarily tame and allowed one to come to within a few yards of them when they were resting on the edge of the water. I also saw a few pochard and gargany (the blue winged teal). On the plain we had seen a good many kyang or wild ass and a few gazelle in the distance.

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Home and Depot Notes.

The 3rd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Stirling Militia) has undergone its annual training at Jamestown, the field on Auchencarroch Farm being again secured as a camping ground. Under the command of Colonel Scott Plummer and H. P. Moulton-Barrett as Adjutant, the regiment went into camp on Monday, 3rd July, numbering 574 out of a total establishment of 660. During the regiment's stay in camp most delightful weather has been experienced, rain only falling on two or three occasions. The conduct of the men has been exemplary, and gave satisfaction to all concerned.

General Sir Charles Tucker, K.C.B., commanding the Scottish District paid a visit to the camp and expressed himself highly pleased with the result of his inspection. He paid particular attention to the Machine gun section and considered that the general knowledge of the team was very satisfactory.

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A few days before the striking of camp the battalion held their Annual Games. The afternoon was somewhat showery, which prevented a number of people turning up, but in spite of this a large gathering of the populace from the surrounding district assembled to witness the games.

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The Officers were "At Home" to a large company of guests, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bolton, Carbrook, the Misses Bolton; Major and Mrs. Aytoun, Stirling; Captain and Mrs. Macclean, Stirling; Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Alexander, Bridge of Allan; etc., etc. The sports, however, went off with the usual *eclat*, the prize-winners being as follows:—

Company Tug-of-War—1st tie, A beat E, and F beat B; D had a bye. In the second tie, D beat A; in the final D beat F.

Permanent Staff Handicap (100 yards)—1, Sergt. Watson; 2, Colour-Sergt. Jenkins.

Inter-Company Relief Team Race, 400 yards (Privates)—1, Pte. Douglas (F); 2, Pte. Turner (F).

Non-Commissioned Officers' Race, 200 yards—1 Corpl. Kelso; 2, Corpl. Downie; 3, Sergt. M'Donough.

Band Race—Drummer Madigan.

Obstacle Race—1, Private Berry; 2, Private Carruthers; 3, Private Robertson.

Officers' Servants Race, 100 yards—1, Private O'Conner; 2, Private Garrity.

Wheelbarrow Race—1, Privates Turner and Johnstone; 2, Privates Walker and Berry.

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Retired Warrant Officers.

Warrant officers and non-coms. above the rank of sergeant, who have served in the rank of sergeant and upwards for 10 years continuously, may, if holding the ranks mentioned, and if recommended by their commanding officers, be allowed to retain their uniform and wear it on special occasions, except at political meetings. This order will affect all branches of the Regular Army.

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Captain N. Malcolm, D.S.O., Military Attache to the Special Mission to Fez, is on his way home again, and will in all probability rejoin the Battalion after an absence of eight years, he having left us on the 11th September, 1897.

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At an examination held recently in Aldershot. Captain Campbell and Lieut. Sceales passed in subject (d) for promotion.

Scottish Echoes.

While in conversation with Sergeant-Major Motion lately, the subject of the change from numerals to alphabetical letters in the designation of companies came up, and as the information he gave does not appear to be recorded in Burgoyne's Historical Records or other existing histories of the Regiment, perhaps the following may be of interest.

Original designation.		First change.		Second change.
Grenadier Coy.	to	No. 1 Coy.	to	"G" Coy.
No. 1 Coy.	to	„ 2 „	„	"K" „
„ 2 „	„	„ 3 „	„	"E" „
„ 3 „	„	„ 4 „	„	"A" „
„ 4 „	„	„ 5 „	„	"I" „
„ 5 „	„	„ 6 „	„	"F" „
„ 6 „	„	„ 7 „	„	"D" „
„ 7 „	„	„ 8 „	„	"B" „
„ 8 „	„	„ 9 „	„	"H" „
Light Coy.	„	„ 10 „	„	"C" „

The veteran Sergeant-Major does not vouch for absolute accuracy in the above information, but it is as near as he can remember. Sergeant Martin, Secretary of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association, states that "B" and "H" Companies went to form the depot companies in 1872. What then became of "I" and "K" Companies, were they absorbed as "B" and "H" Companies? Perhaps some of the old members of the Regiment can throw more light on the subject.

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Referring to No. 3, or the present "E" Company, which is Sergeant-Major Motion's old company as "flag" the veteran says:—"This company was known in my time as the 'gold' company, as it got more loot than any other company during the Indian Mutiny. It had also the unenviable reputation of having the most crime, a natural consequence of having so much money to spend on drink. I have heard of a gold mohur being offered for a couple of glasses of rum. The gold mohur at that time being valued at 32 rupees or £3-4-0 in British currency. From the time we relieved Outram and Havelock until I was appointed Colour-Sergeaut of the Company in the old goal at Barielly in 1858, it made away with three colour-sergeants and one stripe sergeant, besides a number of men tried by court-martial. I was sent to "E" company very much against my will as I did not want the colours, having resigned them in the Crimea, but the adjutant, Captain McBean (late Major-General McBean, V.C.) told me that Captain Stewart wanted me very much to go as the company was going to the devil, so I took the colours again."

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During a visit to Edinburgh recently I paid a visit to St. Giles' Cathedral and while there inspected the memorial erected to the memory of the officers and men of the Regiment who fell during the Indian Mutiny Campaign. The memorial is situated in the nave near the Western door of the church and is easily found. It is surmounted by the Ninety-Third badge within a wreath, the inscription being carved on a marble scroll on either side of which stands the figure of a

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Sutherland Highlander, in full Highland uniform, with feather bonnet, resting on his arms reversed. The dedication is as follows :—

"Erected to the Officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Ninety-Third Sutherland Highlanders who fell in action or died of wounds or of sickness caused by fatigue and exposure during the suppression of the Mutiny in India in 1857-58.

Killed in Action.

"Officers, 5 ; non-commissioned officers and soldiers, 45.

Died of Wounds.

"Officers, 1 ; non-commissioned Officers and soldiers, 36.

Died of Sickness.

"Officers, 1 : non-commissioned Officers and soldiers, 83."

There is nothing to show the name of the sculptor or the date of erection of this handsome memorial.

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Near the Ninety-Third Indian Mutiny Memorial in the nave of St. Giles are the Peninsular colours of the Ninety First. A small brass plate on the pillar below bears the following inscription : "91st Argyllshire Highlanders, Colours carried in the Peninsula, Belgium and France. Presented by Major-General Alastair Macdonald, Commanding in Scotland."

What is probably an engraver's error, appears in the spelling of Argyllshire with an e, instead of the two l's.

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In connection with the appointment of General Sprot as Colonel of the Argyll and Sutherlanders, it is interesting to note that when the Ninety-First Highlanders occupied Edinburgh Castle in 1873, Colonel Sprot, as he then was, discovered what appeared to have been a built-up window in the chancel or aspe of St. Margaret's Chapel—the venerable edifice erected about the middle of the eleventh century by Malcolm Canmore's pious Queen—and presented the stained glass window which now fills the aperture. The window in the west end of the nave is the gift of the late Queen Victoria. In view of the veneration in which the chapel is now held it is curious to note that it was used as a powder magazine up to so late as 1853. The Restoration of the building for sacred use was effected by the interest roused by the explorations of Dr. Daniel Wilson the antiquarian-historian.

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Whilst visiting the Crimean and Mutiny Veterans of the Regiment who reside in the Glasgow District I have been much struck by the fact that nearly all of them possess a copy of what is supposed to be the present Ninty-Third colours presented in Edinburgh. The Regimental Colour bears seven honours :— "Cape of Good Hope," "Alma," "Balaklava," "Sebastopol," "Relief of Lucknow," "Capture of Lucknow," "Umbeyla." All the veterans were much surprised when I told them that there were only five honours on the colours, there being only one honour for Lucknow and none for Umbeyla. They all seem to think that the colours originally contained two Lucknow honours.

Notes from Irvine.

The 4th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, which was embodied at Paisley on Monday, 3rd July, is now encamped at Irvine moor, under the command of Colonel Montagu Campbell, D.S.O., a brother of Lord Blythswood, a former Commanding Officer. This popular militia battalion, which has an establishment of 1,126 of all ranks, had only 13 absentees this year, and although a good number of men obtained leave from this year's training, the battalion is still enormously strong, over 1,000 of all ranks being in camp.

The musketry of the battalion has improved so much this year that a team was entered for the Militia Cup Competition, and the result is highly satisfactory to all concerned. The team, which was coached by an old 93rd shot, Sergeant-Major L. Robertson, fired for the competition on 14th July, when the following scores were made :—

Names of Team.	200 yds.	300 yds.	500 yds.	Grand Total.
Sergeant Munro	27	28	28	83
Lieutenant Brickman ...	24	27	26	77
Private McCormack ...	25	22	27	74
Sergeant Patterson ...	24	24	26	74
Captain H. A. Cheap ..	23	26	24	73
Private Hetherington ...	22	23	27	72
,, Rooney	21	24	23	68
Corporal Dyer	21	20	23	64
	187	194	204	585
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Should the above score not actually win the competition it is certain that it will occupy a high place on the roll, and every credit is due to the members of the team and their capable coach for the excellent show made.

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Apart from the Permanent Staff, who are mostly old 2nd Battalion N.C.Os'., there is a good sprinkling of old faces amongst the Militia N.C.O.'s and men. 'Amongst them I noticed Sergeant Wallace, an old "A" Company Sergeant of the 93rd. Sergeant Wallace appears to have been in South Africa with the 4th Battalion during the war, and afterwards joined the Royal Garrison Regiment, leaving the latter corps only a few months ago on completion of twenty-five years' service since date of enlistment. Another old 93rd N.C.O., perhaps better known to the present generation, Pay-Master Sergeant Thomson, is a Corporal, and an old Private of "F" company named Dyer, well known as a regimental policeman, holds a similar rank. Amongst the non-commissioned officers and men, there are many other well-known faces of other days whose names I forget for the moment. Several of the Militia Sergeants wear the distinguished conduct medal, and there are very few of the senior N.C.O.s who do not wear a war medal of some description. With such a stiffening of experienced N.C.O.s' it is no wonder that the 4th Battalion occupies such a high place in efficiency amongst the Militia corps of the country. There is no doubt that the late war has revolutionised the training of the Militia, and for the better too, field days of eight hours work for several days in succession being quite an ordinary occurrence; a sixteen to twenty mile march being quite common now to the militiaman. What a change to the two mile route marches and 800 yards skirmish of a few years ago!

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Among the number of Militia and Volunteer corps composing the 34th Brigade of the Field Army, now encamped on Irvine Moor, the 1st Dumbartons excite special interest owing to the large number of "Rories" in its ranks. The Adjutant, Captain Gunn, is an old Rory, likewise the Sergeant-Major and most of the Sergeant Instructors. Sergeant-Major Peter Macdonald is probably the oldest serving member of the Ninety-Third, excepting officers of course, and there are very few of the latter even who have worn the uniform of the sovereign so long as he has. Enlisting in 1871, Macdonald was promoted Colour-Sergeant within a few years, and accompanied the Regiment to Gibraltar as Colour-Sergeant of Captain (now Colonel) Fetherstonhaugh's company. He joined the Dumbartons as an Instructor in 1886, and for the last fourteen years has officiated as Sergeant-Major. In spite of his long service he is still a fresh looking man, though due to retire shortly on account of the age limit. The popularity of the Sergeant-Major amongst the Dumbartonshire lads is indisputable.

Colour-Sergeant Instructor Morrison is another "old hand," it being now 23 years ago since be gained the three gold stripes in the 93rd. Since leaving the regiment to officiate as a drill instructor at Sandhurst College, Colour Sergeant Morrison has been with the 1st Battalion for a short time. Among the remainder of the Dumbarton Sergeant Instructors are the following well known names :—Colour-Sergeant Jackson who was Drum Major in Nowshera; Sim, who left in Mean Meer; A. Miller and H. Bush who left during the sojourn of the regiment in the Bareilly district; Milne who left in Dagshai or Mean-Meer; D. Macdonald, who left before the Regiment went abroad; Kerr who left the regiment as far back as the Isle of Wight days; Reilly who served for a short time with the 93rd before joining the 91st abroad: and two other instructors, Peasland and Skinner, who appear to be 91st men. Charlie Johnstone also appeared as an instructor *pro-tem* to the cycle company although he is not yet posted officially.

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The 1st Dumbartonshire Volunteers is probably the strongest single battalion of Volunteers in the country, its strength being over 1600, considerably over 1100 of whom are in camp for a fortnight at Irvine. Owing to the companies being scattered so much there are no less than fourteen instructors for this huge battalion. The dress is tartan trews and tunics. The service dress is also in use for manœuvre parades.

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At Gailes, where the 2nd Vol. Battalion (Paisley) is encamped one could almost fancy himself back in the Regiment again, the dress being similar to the 93rd with the exception of the Home Service coat instead of Indian Khaki. As I watched the battalion skirmishing over the Dundonald Heights above Troon the sight of the Sutherland tartan, waving white sporran tassels, and light coloured hose almost made me imagine I was back in the Regiment again, and though in mufti I momentarily expected some-one in authority to ride up and ask me what the dickens I was exposing myself on the open road for. Such is discipline. The instructors of this battalion are all 93rd. Sergeant-Major Mitchell only left the battalion a few years ago, likewise Colour-Sergeant Soutar. Colour-Sergeant Symcox left in Nowshera, and Colour-Sergeant Dell a few months before the battalion went to India. Of the Volunteers there are several Rories, among the number being Band-Sergeant Bob Crawford, an old and popular member of the 93rd Band, who left in Nowshera. Signalling-Sergeant Rastall, who was a corporal and assistant instructor in signalling and who left on the return of the regiment from the Frontier Expedition in 1898.

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The sight of so many old comrades brought up many old memories, and a book could be filled with "yarns" of other days which were retold during my week-end sojourn on Irvine's tented moor. One of the best, which I never heard before, and which is given on unimpeachable authority as "gospel" is the following: A certain Bandsmaster of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (which battalion it would be unwise to particularise) having determined to play the "Barren Rocks of Aden" by the combined Brass and Fife Bands on a playing out programme sent the Band Sergeant round to tune the pipes with the Band reed instruments. When the Band-Sergeant informed the Pipe-Major of his instructions, the latter, a fiery Celt, told the Band Sergeant to go back and tell his chief that he would see him in Jericho before he would allow anyone to touch the bagpipes, and that he was quite competent to carry on his own work. The Band-Sergeant faithfully delivered his message, and the Bandmaster, much incensed, referred the matter at once to the Band President. The Pipe-Major was sent for at once to explain his insubordinate message, and made the following reply to the Band President—"It's just like this, sir, the Bandmaster is only Bandmaster of the Band, and I am Bandmaster of the Pipes. He hasn't the same amount of work to do as me at all, and gets better paid for it. All he has to do is to stand up in front of the band and gie a bab here and a dab there, and the bandmen gie a tootle noo an then; but the Pipe-major and Pipers hae tae ken the tune the hale way through." The Pipe-Major's ingenious reply so convulsed the Band President and Bandmaster that the worthy Celt escaped any reprimand.

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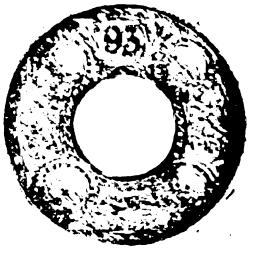
Another Pipe-Major yarn and I am done. A certain piper, whose playing was none of the best, had excited the wrath of his chief on the way out to a field day, and on arrival at the spot where they were to await the return of the battalion, The worthy man delivered himself as follows. "Look here, my boy, if I catch you playing tunes again that you don't know, I will make you fall out and play a rifle the whole way home."



Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

SERGEANT-MAJOR JOHN MOTION.

Of the many gallant soldiers who have graced the non-commissioned ranks of the Ninety-Third Highlanders, there are none now living who can exceed the reputation gained by the brave old veteran whose services are recorded below.

Sergeant-Major John Motion was born at Pitlesslie in the county of Fife in the year 1829, and enlisted for the Ninety-Third Highlanders at Perth in 1849. He was appointed Lance-Corporal at Glasgow, July 1851; promoted Corporal at Chobham camp, June, 1853; Sergeant at Varna, August, 1854; Colour-sergeant at Yenikale, June, 1855; Resigned the Colours at Kamara, September, 1855; Promoted Colour-sergeant at Bareilly, 1858 Sergeant-Major on March from Sealkote to Jhansi, 1867. His services abroad include the following:—

Malta—8th March, 1854 to 10th April, 1854.
Turkey—11th April, 1854 to 31st August, 1854.
Crimea—14th September 1854, to 15th July, 1856, when he landed in England.

Embarked at Portsmouth in June, 1857, and landed in India 21st September 1857, where he remained until the return of the Regiment in 1870.

On the completion of twenty-one years service he was discharged to pension on 21st September, 1870, and was enrolled as Sergeant-Major of Stirlingshire Militia two days later with which corps he served for thirteen and a half years. Has the Crimea medals with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol; Turkish medal; Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow; the Meritorious Service Medal. Sergeant-Major Motion was also in possession of the Good Conduct Medal, but had to return it when he received the Meritorious Service Medal in accordance with the old regulations. Owing to the Sergeant-Major, then Colour-Sergeant, being on detachment with his company at Fort Attock, he was not fortunate enough to participate in the Umbeyla Campaign of 1863.

The veteran Sergeant-Major is, despite his advanced years, a hale and hearty old man, and is still in harness. As a drill instructor to the boys on the Clyde Training Ship "Empress" he has served for the past fourteen or fifteen years, and the popularity of the grand old soldier is as great amongst the boys as it was amongst his old comrades of the Ninety-Third. At Row, the charming little watering place on the Gareloch where the veteran resides, his erect and soldier-like figure is well known to the residents of every degree, and there are many personal friends there who

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will join with the members of his old corps in wishing the gallant old Sutherland Highlander spared to see many more years of a useful and honourable life.

The following extract from the return recommending the Sergeant-Major for the Silver Medal and annuity for Meritorious Service aptly records the veteran's career and the esteem in which he was held by his Commanding officer. The return is dated at Aberdeen, 1871, and is signed by the late General Sir F. Traill-Burroughs, then Lieut.-Colonel commanding the Regiment, and is addressed to H.R.H. the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief:—

. . . . No. 2492, Sergeant-Major John Motion was attested Private in the 93rd Highlanders on the 27th August, 1849. He accompanied the Regiment in 1854 to Malta, Gallipoli, Scutari, Varna, and thence to the Crimea. He was present at the Battles of Alma, Balaklava, Kutch and Yenikale, and at the Siege of Sebastopol.

He was selected for the very responsible office of Deputy Provost Marshal of the British Army in the Crimea, and filled that situation, which he held from September, 1855 to July 1856, in a highly creditable manner as vouched for by the certificate from Captain Spalding, Assistant Provost Marshal, herewith attached.

He accompanied the 93rd Highlanders to India in 1857, and was present with the Regiment at the Relief of Lucknow, Battle of Serai Ghat, the passage of the Kalee Nudee, the Capture of Lucknow, the Battle of Barielly and all the minor engagements in which the Regiment was engaged in the Indian Mutiny Campaigns of 1857-1859.

During his good, gallant and faithful service in Her Majesty's Army of 21 years he was for 17 years a Non-Commissioned officer. He was never tried by Court-Martial and never had an entry recorded against him either in the Regimental or Company Defaulter Book. From the day of his joining to the day of his discharge he ever conducted himself as a good, trustworthy, brave, and honourable soldier. . . . .

To the present day soldiers of the Ninety-Third the above record is an example to strive to emulate. That it can be equalled is quite possible; that it can be beaten is impossible.

Ninety-Third Calendar for October, 1905.

1 S. Establishment raised to 25 officers, 43 sergeants, 21 drummers and pipers, and 820 rank and file = 909, 1877. Tochi Campaign: return of second column to Datta Khel from Khaza Valley, 1897.

2 M. Returned to Sherranni from second Khaza column, 1897.

3 Tu. Zowe column under General Egerton left Sheranni, 1897.

4 W. NINETY-THIRD on H.M. Frigate "*Galatea*," and Troopship "*Tyne*" left Newfoundland for Sunderland, 1815.

5 Th.

6 F.

7 S. New colours presented by Duke of Wellington at Canterbury, 1834; these colours were carried through the Crimea Campaign, and are now in Glasgow Cathedral. Murree Football Cup, won, 1896.

8 S

9 M.

10 Tu. Wing from Sialkot to Lahore for Durbar, 1864; Sir John Lawrence, K.C.B., Viceroy and Governor-General of India. Battalion leaves Ranikhet for Shahjahanpur to guard Boer prisoners of War, 1901.

11 W. Field Firing Camp at Karakwasla 1904.

12 Th. Fourth attack of cholera at Peshawar necessitating move into camp, 1862. Frontier Medals distributed, Chaubattia, 1898.

13 F. Canterbury for Weedon by detachments, 1834.

14 S. Canterbury for Weedon, 1834. Battalion arrives Shahjahanpur, 1901.

15 S Canterbury for Weedon, 1834. Embarked Calcutta, for Bombay, 1903.

16 M. Halifax for Quebec, 1838.

17 Tu. Siege of Sevastopol commenced, 1854. Four companies to Ferozpore, 1864.

18 W. Tochi Campaign. Return of Zowe column to Sheranni, 1897.

19 Th. Arrival of Boer prisoners of War at Shahjahanpur, 1901.

20 F. Lieut.-Colonel Rothe retired, 1853.

21 S. William Bernard Ainslie, Lieut.-Colonel, 1853.

22 S Head-quarter Wing left Chaubattia for Almora manœuvres, 1898.

23 M. Arrived Guernsey from Fort George, 1800; fully armed and equipped. Establishment reduced to 35 sergeants, 22 drummers, 650 rank and file, 1817. R.I.M.S. "*Hardinge*" with Ninety-Third on board, dlsembarked Bombay from Calcutta, 1903.

24 Tu. Arrived Poona from Calcutta, 1903.

25 W. NINETY-THIRD disembarked, Sunderland from Newfoundland, 1815. **BATTLE OF BALAKLAVA**, the **"THIN RED LINE"** of Glorious Memory, 1854. Tochi Campaign; third Khaza column left Sheranni, 1897.

26 Th.

27 F. Embarked by detachments at Liverpool for Dublin, 1835. Returned Sialkot, from Lahore December, 1864.

28 S.

29 S Embarked Liverpool for Dublin, 1835. Arrived Quebec from Halifax, 1835. Colonel F. W. Traill-Burroughs relinquished Command, 1873. Returned from Almora manœuvres, 1898.

30 M. William Macbean, Lieut.-Colonel, 1873.

31 Tu. Arrived Montreal from Quebec, 1838. Tochi Campaign; Sadda Khan, Chief of the Madda Khan Waziris, surrendered to General Corrie-Bird, Inzar Kuch, 1898.

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How Bill Bullseye won the Championship of Malta.

BILL BULLSEYE was as smart a lad as ever packed a valise,
Or cocked a chest on Gosport Hard, a lancer in the police,
The trustiest man for "sentry go" we had on board the *Queen*—
An upright, downright, Wiltshire man—a typical Marine.
Now Bill had been a Keeper in his non-amphibious days,
And startling yarns would often tell of poachers and their ways,
He had not lost his shooting eye, as will be shortly seen,
Since he changed his muzzle-loader for a Service "magazine,"
The ship in time reached Malta's isle, that land of pure delight,
Where the Demon King of Fever holds his court by day and night,
This Demon hath two powerful foes of whom he stands in fear.
The one is known as Exercise, the other's name is Beer.
We learned by signal ere we were tied up in Bighi Bay,
That entries for the Pembroke Meeting closed on such a day.
Conditions Service only—was a ghastly piece of news;
And Bill upon the f'castle on this subject aired his views.
"To make a competition fair when shooting through the V.
Each rifle must be similar, the sighting should agree.
As this is quite impossible, the meeting it should run
Until each man has got the wind he knows will suit his gun.
"For the great peculiarity of Service arms is this,
That anything you aim at you are as sure as death to miss."
How to surmount this obstacle he had a great idea—
But that comes in the story; so, unnecessary here.
The Naval range was opened up for practice every day,
How many rifles William tried I'm not prepared to say,
In finally selecting five a deal of time was spent,
And all their owners entered for the coming tournament.
His own he named Amidships, which was very nearly true,
While Starboard One went three feet right, and six feet Starboard Two,
Port One and Two were similar, but threw the other way,
And thus they mustered at the Point on that eventful day.
An ideal day for shooting-men, the weather was serene,
And elongated visages were few and far between
The scoring was phenomenal; Bill fired his 'Midship gun,
And was counted out the prize list with a modest thirty-one.
A strong wind from the left next day disposed of many a score,
The magpie, that ill-omened bird, was largely to the fore.
Bill fired his highest number Port, the breeze just brought it true,
And bore away the premier prize with only thirty-two.
The smile-wreathed face of yesterday had stiffened in a frown,
With walk and talk funereal they passed on to the town,
Each told at length his sorry tale—how keen he watched the flags,
Yet could not understand the wind, nor how he got his "mags."
A variable breeze at "six" the skill of all had taxed.
The long drawn face of yesterday had here and there relaxed,
Our William shooting steadily had made a decent score,
Which placed him in the aggregate, well up with ninety-four.
A boisterous morning ushered in the day of final test,
A steady gale of fourteen feet was blowing from the West
As two and thirty nondescripts reluctant to begin,
Prepared to battle for the prize that only one could win.
Now Bill in strolling round that day had ascertained the fact,
That twice twelve feet between the bulls was very near exact.
The wind would give him fourteen feet, his Starboard rifle nine;
Thus, bullets aimed at bulls eye's left should hit the next in line.
The butts that hour resembled much a marriage in Canton;
Bill put his theory to the test and every shot went on,
He finished well with forty-two, no need to total up,
For Private Bullseye, Royal Marines, had won the Governor's Cup.
The news was flashed to Gargur's height who passed it on to Crete,
Old Castille's tower with bunting spread the tidings through the Fleet.
The C-in-C. said he perferred the news to boundless wealth,
And had an extra tot that night to drink our William's health.
Five rifles? Yes. Perhaps it was an unfair thing to do,
When conscientious shooting men were using only *two*,
But as Bill Bullseye doth remark, as he the yarn will tell,
You could not have a conscience and the championship as well,—"*The Globe and Laurel.*"

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Letter to the Editor.

SIR,—I think the enclosed letter from my friend Mr. Watson, late 93rd, will interest our readers, who will recollect my putting in one of his letters on a previous occasion. Although he left the 93rd many years ago, he is always deeply interested in his old Corps, having served with it through the Crimea and Mutiny, and being one of the, alas rapidly diminishing, "Thin Red Line tipped with steel."

Yours faithfully
A. F. MACKENZIE.

TO MAJOR MACKENZIE, M.V.O., 93RD HIGHRS., POONA, INDIA.

SIR,—I had a letter the other day from my old friend, Sergeant-Major Motion, who mentioned that he had a visit from the Colour-Sergeant of No. 5 company, who is home on furlough, and the latter was to pay me a visit for the purpose of collecting some reminiscences of the regiment. Up to the time of writing he has not called, but when he does I will be glad to give him what old stories I remember, and these perhaps may be found of interest as "copy" for a future issue of the "Thin Red Line." I may say that the paper comes regularly, and there is always something in it of interest to the old veterans. You will be pleased to learn that I have got a slight increase to my pension, for which I am very grateful.

As usual, I called occasionally at Queensgate, and am always pleased to hear that you are keeping well.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN WATSON.

Balaklava Place,
Cambusbarron,
Stirling.

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The Coy Recruit.

The Black Watch—to give the 42nd Royal Highlanders the title that goes farthest back in their history—has taken a hint from the recruiting process of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and has sent into the territorial district of the corps– that is, to Perthshire—a recruiting party with the regimental band and pipers. For some generations the Highlands as a recruiting field were wholly neglected, and it was a singular fact that in those districts where famous regiments like the Black Watch had been first embodied, and ostensibly still had the closest connection with them in sentiment as well as in name, a Highland uniform was to be seen only at rare intervals, when some native came home on furlough. It was in Glasgow and Edinburgh, Paisley, or London itself that the recruiting sergeants held forth their enticements, and it was little wonder that the Highlander from Hampstead or Hamilton figured so numerously on the rolls of the kilted regiments. Not even a company of Regulars penetrated the hill country, where once the presence of red coats was significantly common, and the British Army, to the population of the greater part of the Highlands, was little more than a name, representing something exclusively lowland or English.

The neglect of the Highlands in this respect was not wholly without reason. The depopulation of the country, leaving vast solitudes where once the flower of the army had been culled, appeared to leave the recruiting officer no alternative but to confine his search to the cities, where he argued, young men who wish to recruit could easily find him. Furthermore, among the sparse population left in the Highlands, there had grown up a sentiment of objection to army service, curiously at variance with the spirit and traditions of a race essentially military. The period of the Peninsula War produced an enormous number of Highland soldiers, and the records of the island of Skye, for instance, would suggest that it was to the Army that its best blood, gentle or simple, naturally flowed. Two influences accounted for the decline of the army's popularity among this race. Wellington's army was, on his own admission, mainly made up of a very rough class—not to put too fine a point on it; the bulk of the soldiers were, frankly, the ne'er-do-wells of Britain, who were driven by circumstances to the ranks rather than induced by inclination. The Highlanders were an exception; they enlisted because military service was traditionally the most dignified and attractive work that was open to them, and they were of a class not only physically but morally superior to the bulk of the men the Peninsular War brought them in contact with. When Wellington's wars were over, thousands of soldier's returned to the Highlands with no very attractive account of army life, and what they left undone in decrying army service the clergy completed.

Some recent experiments in recruiting after the manner now being followed by the Black Watch showed that the Highlands can still produce admirable material for military life, and that the old sentiment against the army has considerably died down. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, for instance, for a number of years sent a company of Gaelic-speaking soldiers with a band of pipers through the territorial district of the corps, and a new and vivid interest was aroused where previously there had been indifference. The men sent with the recruiting parties were the pick of the corps, and they created a totally new impression regarding modern military life, with the consequence that the Argylls now attract every year smart, inteligent, and steady men, naturally of better physique than the recruiting sergeants were previously able to pick up on the streets of the Glasgow or Paisley. The Black Wath still retains a large proportion of real Highlanders in its ranks, and the march in Perthshire will certainly add to their number.

—From Glasgow Evening News.

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sub-Conductor dated 23rd May, 1905.—No. 3628 Sergeant F A. Poole, Unattached List.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeants of Coys.

No. 4628 Sergeant G. Ballantyne to "G" Coy.

No. 3885 Sergeant E. Mahoney, to "D" Coy.

To be Band Corporal.

No. 2225 Corporal A. Peggie, "A" Company.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 6892 Private T. Smith, "F" Coy., dated 15th August.

No. 5488 Private A. Gillan, "D" Coy., dated 15th August.

No. 6747 Private J. Wright, "E" Coy., dated 16th August.

No. 7038 Private J. McLachlan, "A" Coy., dated 16th August.

No. 7761 Private E. Johnstone, "D" Coy., dated 16th August.

No. 8381 Private J. Ferguson, "E" Coy., dated 19th August.

No. 7940 Private T. Knox, "E" Coy., dated 23rd August.

To be School Assistant.

No. 5853 Lance Corporal J. Brown, "G" Company.

To be Drummer.

No. 9434 Private J. Allan, "D" Company.

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No. 7366 Private C. B. Painter.

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No. 7617 Private M. Christie.

"E" Company.

No. 7228 Pte. P. Williamson | No. 6163 Pte. J. Matchet.
No. 7620 Private M. Dawson.

"F" Company.

No. 7627 Private W. Baird.

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No. 7155 Private D. Curran.

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,, 9080 ,, J. Reilly | ,, 9095 ,, W. McMaster.
No. 7485 Private J. Phillips.

"G" Company.

No. 5577 Private J. Delougherry.

"H" Company.

No. 7970 Pte. D. Airlie | No. 6448 Pte. C. Turnbull.

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No. 4867 Private J. Quigley.

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"B" Company.

No. 7619 Pte. D. Watt | No. 7630 Pte. J. McVicar.
No. 7366 Private C. B. Painter.

"D" Company.

No. 7617 Private M. Christie.

"F" Company.

No. 7677 Private W. Baird.

"G" Company.

No. 4677 Pte. D. Gibson | No. 7220 Pte. W. Harrison.
,, 7589 ,, G. Hunter | ,, 9772 ,, J. Thornton.

Granted One Good Conduct Badge.

"A" Company.

No. 7131 Private T. Blair.

"B" Company.

No. 6421 Private C. Gallacher

"E" Company

No. 7940 Private T. Knox.

"F" Company.

No. 9066 Private D. Black.

"G" Company.

No. 4832 Pte. P. Bradley | No. 9235 Pte. J. Campbell.
,, 4842 ,, J. Marshall | ,, 8949 ,, D. McAloon.
No. 8934 Private J. Lafferty.

"H" Company.

No. 9112 Private W. Perrie.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted a Certificate to the effect that he is qualified for appointment as a Fireman on the Railway, dated 7th August, 1905.

No. 6576 Private J. Chalmers, "F" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

No. 5079 Lance Corporal D. McGillivray, "G" Coy.
,, 5134 Bandsman R. Lightbody "F" ,,

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

With effect from 15th March, 1905.

No. 8961 Private J. Forrest, "E" Company.

INTER-COMPANY TRANSFERS.

No. 6382 Coporal A. Brownlie, "E" Coy. to "G" Coy. 1-9-05.

TAKEN ON THE STRENGTH.

Recruit Henry Young attested on the 12th August is posted to "G" Company.

CHANGE OF RELIGION.

No. 8065 Private W. Cutler, "E" Company, changed to Church of England.

No. 7013 Private J. Griffiths, "D" Company, changed to Church of Scotland.

MUSKETRY.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and men of "E" Company have qualified for marksmen's Badges :

No. 4567 Sergeant D. Inglis (company shot.)

No. 6440 Cpl. E. McElroy | No. 6397 L. Cpl. J. Wright.
,, 6473 Pte. J. Duncan | ,, 6163 Pte. J. Matchet.

The undermentioned are granted Furloughs as stated :—

FURLOUGHS.

No. 6959 Pte. J. Paterson,	"B" Coy.	1-8-05 to 7-8-05.	
,, 1438 Sgt.-Major Ditcham,	"F" ,,	10-8-05 to 25-8-05.	
,, 6392 Pte. S. Rarity	"H" ,,	12-8-05 to 11-10-05.	
,, 6541 ,, T. Serymgeour,	"E" ,,	8-9-05 to 30-9-05.	
No. 6199 Lce. Sgt. J. H. Markey,	"F" Coy.		31-8-05 to 20-9-05
,, 7438 ,, Cpl. J. Galbraith,	"D" ,,		
,, 4553 ,, ,, T. Quinn,	"H" ,,		
,, 7768 Pte. J. McMillan,	"A" ,,		
,, 7500 ,, A. Ballantyne,	"B" ,,		
,, 7185 ,, M. Lapsley,	"C" ,,		
,, 8194 ,, J. Fleming,	"C" ,,		
,, 4482 ,, J. Mowatt,	"D" ,,		
,, 5279 ,, T. Pollock,	"D" ,,		
,, 5118 ,, D. McLean,	"E" ,,		
,, 8295 ,, R. Mullen,	"E" ,,		
,, 7598 ,, J. Duncan,	"F" ,,		
,, 8005 ,, J. Wright,	"F" ,,		
,, 4579 ,, W. Benson,	"G" ,,		

Domestic Occurrences.

MARRIAGES.

WYLIE—COX.—At St. Mary's and St. Boniface's Cathedral, Plymouth, on the 8th May, 1905, by the Rev. Father Sheahan, Staff Sergeant Thomas Wylie, Indian Unattached List, to Emma Charlotte, eldest daughter of Colour Sergeant W. Cox. 3rd Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

Milne-Wilson.—At Graham Street Masonic Hall, Lauriston, Edinburgh, on 20th July 1905 by the Rev. Mr. Calderwood, Tolbooth Church, Edinburgh, Sergeant Robert Milne, 93rd Highlanders, to Susan, youngest daughter of Mr. Wilson, Henry Place, Edinburgh.

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SKIRLS.

The month has been rather a busy and exciting one for the sportsmen of the Battalion. At every corner of barracks one can see rigorous training going on, denoting the near approach of the Western Command Annual Assault-at-Arms. Early in the month the much-talked-of Physical Drill Competition was brought to a head, and, as was expected, some very fine displays were given, notably those of "B," "F," and "G" Companies, and although the latter carried off the coveted trophy the two former were every bit as good, in fact critics will have it that "B" was better. However, the judges thought different and allotted "G" Company the Shield. The next event of the month was the departure of the Regimental Football team to Bombay to take part in the Rovers Tournament. High hopes were entertained that Sergeant Markey and his men would bring back the cup, but all were doomed to disappointment, the team falling very softly in the semi-final to our old friends and fellow-countrymen the Seaforth Highlanders, who eventually carried off the cup. However, we hope that our team will retrieve their misfortunes by retaining the Harris Cup which is due to be competed for shortly. Accounts of the Physical Drill Competition and Rovers Tournament are given on another page.

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With the exception, perhaps, that the heat has been a little more excessive, September was as propitious a month as its precursor, and unlike last year at this time when so many diseases of the most malignant kind were prevalent, it has been an exceedingly healthy one as far as the men of the Battalion are concerned. Our neighbours the East Lancashire Regiment we regret to say have been less fortunate, and have suffered rather severely from that dreadful scourge, enteric fever; this we believe, is mainly due to the unhealthy site of their barracks, which are situated in a deep hollow. We take this opportunity to tender our deepest sympathy to our Ghorpuri brothers in this their time of distress.

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On the 22nd the Battalion was inspected by Major-General J. Wodehouse, C.B., Commanding the Poona Division. The Battalion paraded as strong as possible, in drill order, khaki, and were drawn up about 7-30 a.m. in line on the general parade ground. The G.O.C. was received with

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the usual salute. He then made an inspection of both ranks, and the Battalion was put through some movements, after which they marched past, and finished up by advancing in Review Order. The Battalion was then formed into Quarter Column and Major-General Wodehouse addressed it as follows:—"I would not have turned you men out, only I am going back to my own command shortly and Colonel Paterson asked me to inpect this regiment before I quitted the station. The Regiment looks smart and handle their arms very satisfactorily, and have done the various evolutions this morning exceedingly well. The only time before that the Battalion has been under my command was in the second stage of the Delhi Manœuvres. There they very often had to go without their rations owing to the Commissariat going wrong, but in spite of this and many other hardships the Battalion was always up to the mark. Colonel Paterson tells me there have been only thirteen Courts-Martial during the year. This itself speaks well for the discipline of the Battalion. I might be considered old fashioned, but I've been thirty-five years in the service and I always maintain that the men who walk out smartly to town and go about clean and tidy make the best disciplined soldiers."

After the General had finished speaking the Battalion was formed up and marched back to barracks.

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Company training has made great progress towards completion, "H" and "B" companies having concluded their annual course of Military training. The two remaining companies, "E" and "F," under the command of Captain Glasfurd and Lieutenant Hon. R. Bruce respectively, have started. "D" company have completed their Musketry, and the Band, Signallers and casuals under Lieutenant James have commenced. This, practically speaking, with the exception of few casuals will finish the whole of the company training of the Battalion for another year.

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Lieutenant Cuninghame, 2nd Lieutenants Porteous and Gilmour have been attached to the Orderly Room, Pay Office and Quarter Master's stores respectively for a course of instruction.

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Sergeant J. Ferrier, who left the Battalion recently to take up an appointment on the Volunteers, has been permanently employed as a First Class Sergeant Instructor of the 2nd Bengal-Nagpur Railway Volunteers. We tender our best wishes to Sergeant and Mrs. Ferrier for their prosperity in their new station.

Lance Corporal R. McKay, "A" company, who remained behind in Calcutta to go through a a course of instruction to qualify him as Master Tailor, has since taken up employment in the Army Clothing Department, Madras.

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At an examination held recently, 2nd Lieutenant R. B. de la Motte passed in Urdu lower standard.

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Sergeant R. Glass, "A" company, has been appointed acting Sergeant Major, Khandalla Depot. He proceeded with his wife and child on the 1st October to take up his appointment.

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Lance Corporal A. Maun, "A" company, proceeded to Bombay to join the Acting School master class on the 31st instant.

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Captain D. J. Glasfurd has passed a course of instruction in Mounted Infantry.

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Congratulations to our popular Padre, the Rev. Mr. Cant, on his winning the golf tournament held recently at Poona We are sorry that the want of space prevents us from giving an account of the same, but we may mention that Mr. Cant had some very hard games before he was declared the winner, and that his win was both popular and deserved.

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The many strange faces that one sees in Poona at the present time, signifies the near approach of the Presidency Assault-at-arms which is due to commence on or about the 9th of October. The entries this year have far exceeded other years, so a good week is anticipated when the sports start.

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The names of time expired men, invalids and men for transfer to the army reserve, allotted Passages on the H.T. Assaye sailing on the 6th October, have appeared in Battalion Orders. We take this opportunity of wishing them a pleasant voyage and success in their new sphere of life.

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The following extract from India Army Order No. 183 of 20th March 1905, has been received: "Instances having recently occurred of British soldiers proceeding to England taking matches in their kit bags when embarking at Bombay, and quite lately cases of fire, caused by the ignition in the hold of matches so concealed, have been reported. Explosive or combustible articles are to be excluded from any packages of men proceeding to England. Methylated spirit, lucifer matches, and fuzees are strictly prohibited. It is impressed upon men the grave danger in which

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the lives of themselves and their comrades on board are placed by any infringement of this order."

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At the 2nd East Lancashire sports held recently on the Ghorpuri Ground, Lance Corporal J. Wright, "E" Company (Piper) and Private R. Kean, "A" Company, were both successful in the open events, the former being first in the mile and second in the half mile, the latter second in the quarter mile.

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Privates Pollock and Peacock, "H" Company, took first and second prizes respectively for the best collection of vegetables grown by a British soldier, at the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show held at the Empress Gardens, Poona, on 29th and 30th September.

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Towards the end of the month a Bayonet Fighting Competition was arranged in order to select a team to compete in the forthcoming Assault-at-Arms. The winners were:—Instructors and N.C.O.s: Lance Sergeant Alder, "B" Company. Lance Corporals and men: 1st, Private Caskie, "F" Company, 2nd, Lance Corporal Swan, "B" Company, Private Turnbull, "H" Company. Consolation Prizes: loser of the best fight, Instructors and N.C.O.s: Lance Corporal Montgomery, "E" Company. Lance Corporals and men: Private Bruce, "F" Company.

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The following is an appeal from our Padre the Rev. Mr. Cant. It is taken from the supplement to "Life and Work," and deserves every consideration, and we hope our many readers will do all they can to assist Mr. Cant:—

"Papers for the Hospitals.—We have many soldiers just now in hospital who are either suffering from enteric fever or slowly recovering from its effects. I would appeal again for papers and magazines for them and for our other military patients. I shall be glad to send the church peon for parcels if notice is given to me, or the papers can be left at the church any day."

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Mr. Cant also announces that our late very popular Padre, the Rev. John Cameron, Senior Presidency Chaplain, will preach at both services in St. Andrew's Church, Poona, on Sunday the 1st October, prior to going on three months' leave.

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At the half yearly inspection of the Battalion schools, of the twenty-two N.C.O.'s and men who were examined for second class certificates and the seven for third class not one failed to obtain the qualifying points. The success of his class must be very gratifying news to Schoolmaster Burnard and will be some recompense for his unwearying energy, to which the above result is due.

The officers of the Regiment gave a ball at the Gymkhana Club on the 18th September. Being the height of the Poona season, the number of people present must have been nearly a record for the station. The Governor arrived shortly after the dancing had begun and was received by a Guard of Honour, the pipers playing the salute.

The ball-room and supper-room were decorated in the regimental colours, green and yellow, and claymores, dirks, plaids and heather added a distinctive feature to the scene.

Dancing was kept up till about 4 a.m.

The regimental string band are to be congratulated on the way they played, which undoubtedly was one of the chief causes of the success of the evening.

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It having been suggested that the Commanding Officer's Orderly should have a superior cane to carry during the execution of his duties, "*The Thin Red Line*," has, by permission of the Commanding Officer, purchased one for the purpose, and it will be taken into use at once. It is proposed to hand it to the man who turns out the smartest on Guard Mounting Parade, in order to give some reality to the expression getting the stick." He will then carry it for the next twenty-four hours, but only when actually employed by the Commanding Officer. At all other times it will be kept in the Orderly Room, where a list will also be kept on which the C.O's. Orderly will have his name entered immediately after the guard is mounted at the end of the year, or rather at the beginning of the trooping season. Each year the list will be closed and the man whose name appears most frequently in it will be presented by the "*Thin Red Line*," with a facsimile of the original cane, mounted in silver and with a suitable inscription on it.

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Our supplement this month is that of "F" Company's football team, winners of the Inter-Company Clock 1905, and the photo is by P. Metzker, Photographer, Lothian Road, Poona.

THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN in a kilt,
With "A. & S. H." all in gilt,
When he swung out his legs,
Said His Majesty, "Fegs!
But the lad has been verra weel drill't!"

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Football.

ROVERS TOURNAMENT.

The Bombay Rovers Tournament started on 1st September 1905. There were sixteen teams entered including some well-known teams, as Seaforths, Cheshires, Leicesters, Royal Scots, Yorks, 18th Hussars and 93rd.

The result of the draw showed that most of the good teams were in one half of the tournament. Thus the Seaforths, Leicesters, Royals and 93rd were on one side of the draw. We were drawn against Bombay Gymkhana in the first round.

Sergeant Markey and his men left Poona on the 31st August and settled down ready to do their best when called upon. The first match of the tournament, Seaforths v. Leicesters was generally acknowledged to be the tit-bit of the first round, after a fast and exciting game the Seaforths came out winners by 3—2. It was a surprise to many to see our near neighbours the 2nd East Lancashire go down before the Colaba Artillery, but weight told its tale and they had to go.

93rd v. Bombay Gymkhana.

It had rained all day and it seemed long odds on the match being postponed, but to "mak siccar" the teams put in an appearance on the field. The committee were anxious for us to play but wished the team to decide. We left it to our opponents who decided to play so we got ready to face the camera.

That ordeal over, the teams took the field. We were in all white instead of the old familiar green and yellow shirts which had not arrived in time. Markey won the toss and elected to defend the Cooperage goal. In a drizzle not unlike a Scotch mist the Gymkhana kicked off and at once made tracks for the Highlanders goal but their centre forward tried weight and conclusions with Lapsley only to find himself beaten. From Lapsley's punt Quinn got possession and taking the ball well down the field passed to the left. Galbraith centred and Quinn getting his foot on it we were one up in the first five minutes. This reverse nettled our opponents who went away with a rush, but were repulsed by McMillan getting in a splendid punt. Our right wing broke away and the goalkeeper was tested but found to be all there. We forced a corner which was well placed and the custodian had to give away another in saving. Five minutes after Quinn headed just over the bar. After some give and take play, Wright got away on a run but he collided with the left back and turning a complete somersault he fell heavily and had to retire for repairs. Half time sounded with the Rovers still pegging away but unable to break through the sound defence of their opponents. Half time: 93rd one goal, Gymkhana nil.

On the restart Wright had turned out with his head wrapped in bandages. Quinn started the play and at once the ball was taken into our opponents' territory. After some good play by Fleming and Wright the former sent a beautiful centre across but it was cleared by one of the backs. Back the ball came again but find the net we could not. Considering the state of the ground and the weight of the ball the game was very fast and some good football was seen. Lapsley at centre-half was at his best and never let his man get away an inch, while McMillan and McLean were seen to advantage, McMillan's tackling and placing being much admired. Shortly before time the long looked for goal came, Fleming sent across a scorcher which struck the left upright and rebounded into the net. No further scoring took place and the whistle sounded leaving us winners by two goals to nil.

It says a great deal for our opponents defence that they were only beaten twice as for threequarters of the game they never got outside their own half of the field, though we had our usual hard lines in misses just past the post, etc.

The team as a whole played well. Mullen got very little to do, but did it. The backs were safe and kicked well while the half backs were the strong point of the team. The forwards played up to their usual standard and Quinn in centre was conspicuous by the manner in which he tricked his opponents and his smart passes to his wings.

Team—Goal, Mullen; backs, Ballantyne, Markey; half-backs, McMillan, Lapsley and McLean; forwards, Fleming, Wright, Quinn, Mowatt and Galbraith.

Second Round.

93rd v. Royal Scots.

After a week's rest occasioned by a series of draws between the Yorks and York and Lancs we again found it our turn to put in an appearance on the field of play. History repeats itself and once again we were pitted against our old friends and rivals the Royal Scots who, it will be remembered, were defeated by us last year by 2—0. Could we do the same this year? It had been a splendid day and the ground seemed to be in splendid condition from a spectator's point of view. A good game was anticipated by the many spectators lined round the enclosure and their hopes were realized to the full. Prompt at 5 o'clock the teams entered the arena. Markey having lost the toss the 93rd were called upon to defend the Bandstand goal and face the sun. Quinn opened the play and the Highlanders went off at once for their opponents' goal. They were repulsed, however, by good play on the part of the R.S. backs. Our opponents' left wing got away from the return and for sometime looked dangerous but ultimately the ball was sent past and we breathed freely. "Ours" went away to the attack again, the right wing pair taking the ball down, but a corner was all that resulted. Mowatt had a good try with his head, the ball just grazing the crossbar. Lapsley obtaining the ball from the goal kick gave to Mowatt, who in turn gave to Galbraith when well placed and that player sent in a hot shot which the custodian just got away. Not to be repulsed the 93rd came to the attack again and Quinn accepting a pass from the left, tricked the back and scored a splendid goal, completely deceiving the goalkeeper who rushed to the left of his charge to save, but Quinn smartly screwed the ball far out of his reach in the right top corner. It was a great effort, and well merited the applause which greeted it. The reverse made our opponents put some sting into their work and they tried hard to equalize, but the 93rd defence was impregnable. Their centre half was using rather forcible tactics to put our men off the ball and Quinn was winded by a severe charge received after he had parted with the ball. This necessitated a short stoppage but our centre was soon brought round. On resuming, play was of a give and take nature in midfield and if anything the 93rd had the balance of play. Half time found us in R.S. territory but unable to add to our score. 93rd one, Royals nil.

The second half opened in a sensational manner. From the kick off our opponents carried the ball down into our half of the field and the left wing getting possession they went away like racehorses. A slip by Ballantyne let Kennaway their inside left in and he shot for goal.

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Mullen stopped it but before he could clear the R.S. forwards were on him like an avalanche and had the ball in the net. This was quick work, barely a minute gone and they had equalized. The 93rd now took a new lease of life and kept the R.S. busy defending their citadel. Fleming and Wright got well up after some good play and the latter sent in a scorcher which the custodian stopped but failed to retain in his grasp. The ball ran right across the goal mouth and Quinn who was lying handy did the needful. Shortly after Fleming had a good try for goal but without success as the custodian was in splendid form, saving repeatedly what looked like "moral certs." The 93rd forced a corner which although well placed was cleared. Shortly after the whistle sounded and the game ended with the score 93rd two, R.S. one.

The game was admittedly one of the best and fastest of the Tournament and some really good football was seen. Our defence played well and though Ballantyne's slip cost a goal he redeemed himself after. The half backs again played a good game McMillan coming through the ordeal successfully though he had a good wing to contend against. Quinn was greatly in evidence in centre and the wings played a sound game throughout, Fleming and Wright showing some fine touches on the right. The outstanding man in the R.S. team was undoubtedly the goalkeeper who brought off some splendid saves, and to him was due the fact that the 93rd only won by the odd goal.

SEMI-FINAL.

93RD V. SEAFORTHS.

After our brilliant display against the Royal Scots our team was fancied as having a good chance of entering the final and a great game was expected between us and the Seaforth's, on the old adage "when Greek meets Greek." Turning out in our own familiar green and yellow, our rivals being in white, we again lost the toss and had to face the sun. Quinn started the play and the 93rd forwards went away on the right but were soon brought up. We returned again and Quinn got in a shot which the goalkeeper weakly saved but no one was up to do the needful and he cleared. Our opponents left wing got up a run and through a mistake on the part of McMillan, who thought the ball was in touch, Drummond their outside left got past him and put in a splendid centre from the touch lime. Unfortunately for us Markey miskicked. Munnoch had nobody to beat but Mullen, who got no earthly chance to save. This early reverse nettled us and we replied with a spirited attack on the Seaforth's goal but the splendid kicking of their backs, especially "Cluny" Macpherson their Captain, kept us from breaking through. The Seaforths now got away and Lennie forced a corner. This was well placed by Lennie but McNamara the inside right caught the ball with his right hand and throwing it down to his feet tipped the ball towards the goal. We of course claimed a foul and made no attempt to stop the ball which could have been easily saved. To our surprise the referee awarded a goal amidst many shouts of disapproval from the spectators. To be two goals down and both gifts at that was indeed disheartening after we we had had at least a fair share of the play. Our team did their best but Quinn was too well watched to be dangerous and the play of our backs was shaky. Half time arrived with the score Seaforths two, 93rd nil.

On the restart our apponents took the game in hand and for a time hemmed us in our own end of the field. At last play was transferred to the other end and Quinn had a try which was the best of the match, the ball just grazing the bar and rolling down the outside of the net. Most of the spectators thought it was a goal and cheered long and loudly, but it was our day off and no such luck was ours. Shortly afterwards by good headwork our opponents added another goal to their score. After this though our team knew they were beaten they tried very gamely to have at least one goal to their credit, but score they could not and time was called with the score Seaforths three goals, 93rd nil.

For the third time we had reached the semi-final and for the third time we had to admit defeat. The score does not give a fair index of the play, though the Seaforths were the best team on the night's play. The first goal which they should never have scored and the second which the referee gave them in a gift were the principal factors in our defeat, as after the second goal was scored the play of the 93rd deteriorated a great deal.

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Marriage of Sergeant Smith.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at all Saints Church, Kirkee, on the 6th September at 4-30 p.m. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rountree, and the contracting parties were Lance Sergeant S. Smith, 93rd Highlanders, and Miss C. A. Knowlden second daughter of the late Staff Sergeant Knowlden, Ordnance Department. The bridegroom, who was in full Highland costume, was attended by Private Kean as best man, the bridesmaids being Nellie Alma and Violet Knowlden, sisters of the bride. The bride looked exceedingly pretty in her handsome dress of lustre trimmed with chiffon and having a lovely wreath of orange blossoms with a long drooping veil. The choir very generously gave their valuable services, which tended to make the ceremony more impressive. The Church had previously been eloborately decorated by the relatives and friends of the bride. Quite a large number of people turned up to witness the ceremony, including a good sprinkling of the bridegroom's own corps whose Highland uniforms tended to make the already gaily apparelled congregation look more picturesque.

After the ceremony all repaired to the house of the bride's mother to partake of cake and wine. Drum-Major J. L. Duff, 93rd Highlanders, proposed the healths of the bride and bridegroom in a few suitable words to which all very heartily responded. Several other toasts followed and dancing and singing were indulged in and the festivities were brought to a close about 10-30 p.m. when the happy couple left for their home in Wanowrie.

The presents were both numerous and valuable, and included some very useful articles. A photographic group of the wedding party was taken by Mr. Metzker, Photographer, Poona.

The following "Irishism" was overheard during the Rovers Football Tournament:—

An Irish soldier was having a heated discussion with an English ditto as to the merits of the different teams when his chum chimes in with—"Ach shure an phwat are yez talking about? Shure one team's as good as another an' better."

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A Trip Through Tibet.

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The kyang are very fairly tame and scamper over the plain in large herds. Some of our mounted escort tried to round them up but though they allowed them to come fairly close, they soon outdistanced the escort immediately they got frightened and began to go. Our camp that night was in a narrow little valley and between two villages, and although at a height of little under 15,000 feet we were surrounded by very fair crops, mostly barley and mustard, which seemed to be doing extremely well. Next day took us past the Kala lake and across another of these barren deserts. We were caught in a very severe hail storm and were glad to take refuge in a Tibetan house. It was evidently their guest room, for it was wonderfully clean, though of course black and grimy from years of smoke, but it was a welcome refuge from the cold and wet. No wood of any kind is to be obtained all through these parts and for fuel one burns dried yak dung. It smokes all ones food and makes it taste perfectly beastly, but for all that one is only to thankful to get something warm, and wonderfully soon gets used to it. After passing Kangmar where the Tibetans made a night attack on one of our fortified posts, we soon after came to the Red Gorge, a very narrow and nasty place, with huge rocks of granite on either side and which the Tibetans had intended to hold, but apparently thought better of it. I was very much struck by the places the Tibetans had originally chosen for their stands. They showed a wonderful amount of thought and tactical ability and I am told this was the same all through, although of course a great many of the places after being fortified were never held. Most of their sangars were still standing at Guru and other places I passed, and were wonderfully well placed and made. Five days after leaving Phari we came out into the broad valley and plain of Gyantse, the whole plain being under cultivation and extremely hard to cross on account of the irrigation and irrigation channels, many of these last being five or six feet deep. The Post where we stayed is only a few hundred yards from the Jong and in a little bagh of willow trees. It is the same house where the Commission had their Head-quarters last year, and with any but the most feeble of Artillery fire would have been absolutely untenable so near the fort. The fort has to a great extent been restored and is really a wonderful place. It is built on a huge rock and is a perfect rabbit warren inside and capable of holding many hundreds of men and provisions to last for months. The entrances are extremely steep and stand well up above the surrounding town. When we went over it, many hundreds of coolies were hard at work restoring the buildings that had been blown up during our occupation last year. All round the Jong, but principally on the north side, lies the town of Gyantse. We went through the bazaar, where women sit in long lines each under an umbrella or awning, and with all their goods for sale laid out in front of them. These consist of foodstuffs, cloths, dyes and such like articles, but amongst them are many things imported from Home, through Calcutta, such as mirrors with pictures of one of our royalties in colours on the back. On one stall we actually saw some cheap hair brushes for sale, but for these I don't think there can be much demand! To the north of the town is the huge Monastery, or Gompa as it is called, the whole being surrounded by a very high wall. Here we were received by the Lamas, and made to sit down and partake of some beastly concoction called tea, but principally made of rancid butter and spices. We were then shown over the Monastery, which consists of numbers of little shrines where images of Buddha sit surrounded by crowds of figures of giants and other creatures. Before all of these are marvellous erections and pictures made of coloured butter; the whole place smells of rancid butter, and there are great tubs everywhere filled with it, with wicks burning in them. In an upper story the whole walls are covered with paintings representing the life of Buddha. They are supposed to be the finest in all Tibet, and are really wonderfully done; the colourings are very fine and the whole thing must have taken years to do. Some of the finest things in the Monastery were taken away just before our people got into the place, and when we were there many animals arrived laden with these treasures, which were only now being brought back. We were quite sorry we could not stay to see them opened. After a rest of a few days at Gyantse, we started off to return via Kambajong and over a part of the country up to now quite unexplored. During this journey of about 120 miles to Kambajong we found the people, although most of them could never have seen a European before, wonderfully civil and quite as ready to do things for us as those on the other side. The road was in many places extremely bad, and we had no fewer than seven passes to cross, the highest being about 19,000 feet, and the lowest well over 16,000 feet. We found that the present maps were quite wrong in many instances, but there was not much of great interest beyond going through a quite unexplored country. The shooting I fancy would have been very good if we had had the time to spend on the way, for we saw Ovis Ammon, Burhel and many Gazelle. Kambajong is another magnificent fort in much better preservation than most of the others I saw.

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From here we had one of the finest panoramic views of snows I suppose in the world for they extend for nearly one hundred miles right across one's front, and hardly one of them under 26,000 feet. They include the first and third mountains in the world namely Everest and Kinchenjunga. Fifteen miles from Kambajong brings us again to the Sikkim frontier, and we come right down through Sikkim through some of the most lovely scenery I can possibly imagine. At first huge snow peaks and glaciers all round us; then as we got down lower into the region of trees and amidst great pine forests still tipped with snow, and then down further into great tropical jungles with orchards and the most wonderful ferns and trees growing everywhere. Our trip altogether extended over more than 500 miles.

H. G. Hyslop.

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Veterans of the 93rd Highlanders.

No. 2548, Sergeant James Morrison.

Enlisted at Edinburgh, 1850, for 93rd Highlanders, and served with the Regiment for over nine years, being severely wounded and invalided home for discharge during the progress of the Indian Mutiny Campaign. Was appointed to the Grenadier Company on enlistment, with which company he stood in the "Thin Red Line" at Balaklava, and was afterwards sent to No. 7 Company (Captain Dawson) on promotion to Sergeant at Dover in 1857. Served with Regiment throughout the whole of the Crimean Campaign, for which he holds the Crimean and Turkish medals with bars for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol. He accompanied the Regiment to India on the outbreak of the Mutiny and served during the Relief of Lucknow until severely wounded in the right arm during the attack on the Shah Nujif. Was discharged as an invalid at Chatham in 1859, and afterwards joined the Permanent Staff of the Ross-shire Militia with which he served for fifteen years, attaining the rank of Colour-Sergeant. Also served for a further period of six years as an Instructor to the Ross and Sutherland Volunteers, making a total of twenty-one years service with the Auxiliary Forces and thirty years in all. Mr. Morrison, who is 73 years of age, carries on an extensive business as coal-merchant at Beauly, of which place he is a native. Two of the veteran Highlander's sons have been in the Army, one of them being at present a Conductor in the Supply and Transport Corps in India, and the other, who was severely wounded at Magersfontein, is a Seaforth Highlander. Although now in an indifferent state of health, Mr. Morrison has been a man of splendid physique in his prime, as becomes a Grenadier of the 93rd who stood in the famous "line" at Balaklava. We trust that our veteran comrade has still many years to live to recount the stirring days of his youth. Mention of this veteran Sutherland Highlander will be found on page 68 in the late Mr. Forbes Mitchell's "Reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny."

John Kemp, J.P.

(Late Colour-Sergeant 93rd Highlanders and Garrison Sergeant-Major.)

Enlisted at Inverness, 1851, for the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders and served with the Regiment for twenty-one years. Was appointed Lance-Corporal, June, 1852; Corporal, February, 1853; Sergeant, 1854, and Colour-Sergeant, 1857. Belonged to No. 6 Company and served under the late Generals Ewart and Burroughs, when Captains in command of that company, filling the position of Colour-Sergeant to the latter. Took part in the Crimean Campaign of 1854-56 and was one of the famous "Thin Red Line," also the Indian Mutiny and Umbeyla Campaigns. Has the following decorations:—Crimean medal, with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, Sebastopol; Turkish medal; Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow; Indian Frontier medal with clasp for Umbeyla; also the Long Service Medal. Was severely wounded at the Relief of Lucknow during the taking of the Shah Nujif, receiving wounds on the right arm, forehead and thigh. Left the Regiment in 1872 on completion of twenty-one years' service and went to Lichfield where he became Garrison Sergeant-Major and put in another twenty-one years, finally retiring as a warrant officer in 1893, with a total of 42 years' service. Sergeant-Major Kemp, who is a splendid looking Highlander, well over six feet in height, is a native of Drumnadrochit, on the shores of Loch Ness, where he was born in 1833. Although now in his 73rd year the gallant veteran looks as fit as many men a quarter of a century younger, and is full of work yet. He holds His Majesty's Commission as a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Ross and Cromarty, an honour which falls to the lot of few soldiers. Mr. Kemp is also Baillie of Fortrose, a position which he has held with honour for the past eight years, and is also Dean of Guild for that Burgh. It is perhaps needless to say that this fine old representative of the Ninety-Third is well known and esteemed all over the Black Isle, more especially in Fortrose, the town which he has chosen to see the end of an honourable and well spent life.

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No. 2351 Private James Goldie.

Enlisted 5th April, 1848, at Glasgow, at the age of 18 years. and served for slightly over twenty-one years in the 93rd Highlanders. He accompanied the regiment to Malta, March 1854, and then to the Crimea, where he was present at the battles of Alma and Balaklava and the siege of Sebastopol, being wounded during the latter stages of that historic event. This gallant old "Thin Red Line" veteran afterwards accompanied the regiment to India and took part in all the operations in which the Regiment took part during that eventful time. He also took part in the Umbeyla Campaign, in 1863, with the regiment. Has the following decorations :—Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol; Turkish medal; Indian Mutiny medal with clasps for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow; Indian Frontier medal with clasp for Umbeyla; the Long Service and Good-conduct medal.

Editorial Note.

We regret to say that the news is just to hand of the passing away of this fine old Sutherland Highlander, at Paisley, of which place he was a native. Here he has resided since leaving the service and was much respected by all who came in contact with him. His heart was bound up in his old corps, and when he raised his voice at all it was to tell his auditors of the gallant deeds of the Sutherland Highlanders. His death, which was caused by a paralytic seizure following a fall, took place on 5th September. He was 78 years of age and was an active old veteran despite his age, up to within a month of his decease. The sympathy of all his old comrades and present day members of the 93rd are with his sorrowing helpmate and family.

Risen from the Ranks.

The famous maxim attributed to the great Napoleon that every soldier carries a Field Marshal's baton in his knapsack (I suppose now a-days it would be in his haversack!), although perhaps rather beyond the mark in reality, is not so very far fetched as far as attaining a commission in the lower rank is concerned.

I have been asked to record my experience of the number I have seen pass from the ranks to a commission in this battalion during the many years I have served in the 93rd. As an instance to show how impossible it is to gauge your future, and that you should never despair (while there is a shot in the locker) I will recount an anecdote told me by Major Macdonald, late 93rd, whom I fear has long joined the majority. This officer enlisted into the 93rd in the year 1814 (one year before Waterloo). When we were in Glasgow, 1882 to 1884, the Major frequently dined at our mess and was present at one ball in Glasgow in 1884; many an interesting talk have I had with him and he must have been then between 80 and 90 years of age.

Somewhere about 1830 he was adjutant of the 93rd in Canada and told me that as he sat in the orderly room one day, Cr.-Sergt. "Wully Macbean" came in and asked permission to purchase his discharge; his reason being "fed up, etc." (How often we have heard that expression during our service)! Well, Macdonald got on to him and advised him to do nothing in a hurry and think it over, but "our Wullie" was resolute and left in a rage for the canteen. But eventually his good sense prevailed and the colour Sergeant blossomed into Colonel of the 93rd, (proud man indeed) and died a Major General and a C.B. full of honours in 1877.

The late General's brother lives in Inverness and was at one time a Town Councillor. Then we have our friend Macdonald referred to, who rose to be Adjutant and to retire with rank of Major; a fine representative he was of the old 93rd, standing about 6 feet and with a wonderful memory for past events.

Apropos of Canada, I recollect shortly after joining meeting a Mr. Macleod of Cadboll, Ross-shire, who told me he knew the 93rd in Canada in the thirties and that they were men of magnificent physique and were called the Canadian Guards.

In the year 1884 Sergeant Playfair, 93rd, went to Hythe as an instructor and eventually got his commission in the Hampshire Regiment and has risen to Major.

A year or two later Pte. Green enlisted and was with the regiment in Ireland, belonged to "H" Company, and was with me on detachment at Youghal. He got a commission in the Nottingham and Derby Regiment and is now a Major.

Next came Somerville, he was with us at Cork. Before enlistment he had been a coffee planter in Ceylon. About the latter part of the eighties he got his commission in the "Fighting Fifth" with their goose green facings and red and white plumes. If my recollective serves me right, he was in "D" Company, Major Herbert Gordon's Company. He has got Major's rank.

Pte. Stewart was a Sergeant with us in 1892 and got his commission in the Seaforths about 1895. He has now left the Army and is a Captain in the Paisley Militia. (De Wet's friends, who kept him out of Kroonstad. "Let us clear off," said he, "It is the Paisley militia holding the town.")

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Pte. Gunn belonged to "C" Company, and was with the 93rd at Aldershot. He rose to Colour Sergeant in the 91st, was given a commission in the Royal Scots, and is now a Captain. He is a Sutherland man and "she has the Gaelic whatever."

Then we come to our old friend and sketcher Pte. Stonor, who rose to Sergeant in the 93rd and is now a Captain in the 25th (K.O.S.B.) Sergeant Instructor of Musketry MacRae, as he was when I joined in '81, became Sergeant-Major of our Battalion about 1882, and afterwards Quartermaster of 4th A. and S. Highlanders, and was for a time Recruiting Staff Officer in Glasgow. He has now retired as Honorary Major.

Such names as Captain Beattie and Lieut. Lundie, (good luck to their honours) are too well known to need mention. May we all live to see others of our gallant corps rise to such an honourable position, as he who fights his way up from the bottom rung of the ladder.

I suppose few of us can conscientiously say that, in looking back over our military career, we have not at some time neglected our opportunities. Perhaps a little more application when we first joined, or some slice of luck might have started us on the path of fame. Assuredly the most rapid case of promotion from the ranks I can recall was that of Pte. Daurcey, who enlisted with the 2nd Dragoon Guards, Queen's Bays, in the year 1881 or thereabouts. When I knew him he was a subaltern in the 21st Hussars (now Lancers) at Cork in 1886-1887. About the year 1901, he was Colonel of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.

And now a story about one who did not rise from the ranks, and which might suggest that he never would have done so.

I recollect an old friend of mine and my first Colour Sergeant of "K" Coy. as it then was, "Good old Peter Macdonald," setting me down one day. I was introducing Peter to a friend of mine and explaining that he, "Peter," was my first Colour Sergeant and taught me all I knew. Peter screwed up his mouth (a peculiar way he had) as he looked at me and remarked "An that's no much." He was a Gaelic speaker, which language he could speak fluently, and on New Year's day invariably did so. He will, I feel sure, remember the anecdote as he reads this. He is Sergeant Major of Dumbarton Rifle Volunteers. He left us in Parkburst in 1886.

My essay is now ended and my readers will echo "Good job too!!"

"CABER FEIDH,
OR CUIDACH-'N-NIGH."

A youthful aspirant for journalistic distinction who was asked to write an article on superstition and imbecility, began his essay thus:—

"That imbecility is not on the wane, perusal of the following lines will amply demonstrate."

Obituary.

The death is announced at Killywhan, Park Avenue, Bedford, on the 3rd inst., of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell Wither Hyslop, who had been for several years a resident in the town. The deceased was 68 years of age, and was the last surviving son of the late Colonel Archibald Hyslop and the father of Captain H.G. Hyslop, presently belonging to the 93rd Highlanders to whom every sympathy is due. He had had a distinguished career in the Army. Joining the 93rd Highlanders in 1854, he became Captain in 1860, and Major in 1874, and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on March 20th, 1886. The gallant officer served with the 93rd Highlanders in the Crimea from the 14th July, 1855, including the siege and fall of Sebastopol, for which he received the British medal with clasp and Turkish medal. He served also in the Indian Campaign of 1857-8, and was present at the relief of Lucknow by Lord Clyde, the defeat of the Gwalior contingent at Cawnpore, the pursuit to Serai Ghat, the actions at Pusgaon and Russelpur, and the evacuation of the fort at Mithowli. For this arduous campaign he received the medal and clasps. The funeral took place at the Bedford Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. Archibald H.F. Hyslop, Warden of Glenalmond, and nephew of the deceased; assisted by the Rev. J. Lewis Hughes, of St. Cuthbert's. Among those present at the grave-side were Admiral Sir Chas. Knowles, Colonel Wroughton, Colonel and Mrs. Montanaro, Colonel Corry Smith, Colonel and Mrs. Paske, Major G. T. Wawn, the Rev. W.F. and Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. William Tarbet, Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. Hay, Miss Hutchinson, and Mr. E. Goldsmith. The plate on the coffin bore the inscription:—"Maxwell Wither Hyslop (Lieut. Col.,) died Sept. 3rd, 1905; aged 68."

"Record of service of Colonel Maxwell Wither Hyslop. Ensign 8th of December 1854. Served as a Lieutenant at the siege of Sebastopol; also during the Indian Mutiny, including the relief of Lucknow by Lord Clyde, defeat of the Gwalior contingent at Cawnpore and pursuit to Serai Ghat; campaigns in Oude, including actions of Pusgaon, Russulpur, and capture of Fort Mittowli; became Captain, 21st of December 1860: Brevet-Major 6th of January 1874 (while on half-pay), and retired with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. Lieut.-Colonel Hyslop was in possession of the Crimean medal with clasp for Sebastopol, Turkish medal, the Indian medal with clasp for the relief of Lucknow, and the Frontier medal."

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Home and Depot Notes.

It is pleasing to note that Colonel Campbell, our late esteemed Commandant, was in charge of the Border Brigade at the Review held by the King in Edinburgh, while Brigadier-General P. D. Trotter had command of the Gordon Brigade.

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Colonel Hunt, Officer Commanding 91st Regimental District, was in charge of the Argyll and Sutherland Brigade. This Brigade was laid down as the strongest on parade. It consisted of seven Battalions and one bearer company and was nearly five thousand strong. It went past in grand style to the stirring tune of "Highland Laddie," and was one of the finest spectacles of the day, the men marching past as steady as a rock although with complete freedom of action, keeping their distance splendidly.

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Captain Richardson, D. S. O. who left the Battalion some time back, was attached to the General's staff at the Royal Review, Edinburgh.

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The Secretary of State for War, Mr. Arnold Forster, paid a surprise visit to Stirling Castle on the 15th September. He was accompanied by Sir Charles Cayzer of Gartmore. Major Aytoun and Captain Moulton-Barrett shewed them over the castle. Mr. Arnold Forster also made inquiries as to the recruiting and found that the year just closing had been very satisfactory, the number of recruits for the line showing an increase over the previous year, although there was a slight falling off in the numbers for the militia.

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In the report of the proceedings of the British Mission to Morocco it is stated that the Sulton was much impressed by the Highland uniform worn by Captain N. Malcolm, D.S.O., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, which was seen for the first time at Fez.

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The following extract from the Annual Report for 1904-1905 of the National Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers may prove of interest to those proceeding home this year. The number of men for whom permanent employment has been found is 8603, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' proportion is 110. Of the districts where employment was obtained Glasgow stands third in the United Kingdom with 601 permanent and 143 temporary engagements. In the list of donations and subscriptions the 91st appears with £4 while the Depot, Stirling Castle, subscribed £1.

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At Fort William Lord Lovat presented Sergeant Major C. Wynne (late of this Battalion) with the long service and good conduct medal.

Sergeant F.C. Bertram, 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, has been employed for one year under the Colonial Office with the West African Frontier Force.

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A return which has been compiled from figures furnished by commanding officers shows that out of a total of 204,743 volunteers on the rolls on November 1st 1899, 71,758 volunteered to go to South Africa during the late war and 29,049 actually went. The seven Volunteer Battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, with a strength of 5,533, had no less than 1278 volunteers for service, of which number 572 actually went to Africa. Not a bad record for the Argyll and Sutherland Brigade.

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A memorial was recently unveiled at Strathlachlan, Argyllshire, to the memory of the officers and men of the district who fell during the South African Campaign. The memorial bears the following inscription :—"In memoriam of Captain D. Maclachlan, 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, mortally wounded at Venter's Spruit, Spion Kop, 20th January 1900. Died 1st February 1900. Private Neil Crawford, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, killed at Magersfortein, 11th December, 1892. Seididh An Trompaid."

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A well known old soldier of Glasgow, Andrew Gray, a Crimean Veteran of the Scots Greys who rode in Scarlett's Heavy Brigade at Balaklava, had the unique distinction of leading his squadron into Maryhill Barracks when the "Second to None" boys took up their residence there recently.

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"Aye, it's a fell bit scrow," is alleged to have been the rejoinder of an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander to the remark of a correspondent that the weather conditions were not of the best in the vicinity of the Chilterns during military manœuvres.

The Royal Review.

The Review, by His Majesty King Edward, of nearly forty-thousand Scottish Volunteers in the historic King's Park of Edinburgh was a sight but seldom seen in a lifetime, if only for the vast crowd of spectators, variously estimated at between two and three hundred thousand, who, like a living wall of humanity, made up the background of the monster pageant, have been supplied to you by a thousand pens, my intention is merely to note the impressions of a military spectator. Taking up my stand on the hill above St. Anthony's Chapel where a magnificient bird's-eye view of the whole scene was obtained, the first thing that impressed me was the magificient or-

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ganization whereby the vast crowd moved to their places on the slopes of the hills without interfering in any way with the free movement of the troops on the plain beneath. Along the line of barricades the police (gathered together from all parts of Scotland) dotted the scene. In front of the barricades, every few yards along the route, were ambulance stations, where energetic Red Cross attendants were ready with stretchers to mount the hills behind and carry off the faint or wounded, a task which fortunately was of rare occurrence. The scene when His Majesty the King rode on to the ground was one which must have impressed every beholder as to the sincerity of Scottish loyalty, despite the objection which the working classes of Scotland have to uncovering the head during the playing of the National Anthem. The sound of the cheering from countless throats was sublime. It is doubtful whether any sovereign ever before received such an impressive ovation. As the king passed slowly along the line the men stood as steady on parade as any regular battalions, at least until he passed. Then occurred what to the Regular mind is an unpardonable sin: the stampede of several of the artillery bands to the inner flank of their battalion in order to get a nearer view of the king. They were soon relegated to their places, however, and it is only fair to state that the men in the companies never moved. With this exception their was nothing to lead one to suppose that the troops were Volunteers and not Regulars, a tribute to the steadiness and enthusiasm which the Volunteer Army observed on parade before the sovereign. Then came the march past, which took place in quarter column. From the point of vantage secured by the writer little could be observed, owing to the distance, as to the dressing etc., kept by each unit. The general effects on the whole was good although several corps seemed to be at the double before the whole of their companies had passed the saluting point, defects which were probably due to nervousness on the part of commanders. The kilt as usual was extremely popular and corps wearing the Highland dress were sure of a good reception. The Argyll and Sutherland Brigade, well over five thousand strong, under Colonel Hunt as Brigadier, was extremely well received. It was the strongest Brigade on parade and had three kilted battalions, the 1st, 2nd and 5th, the latter being particularly noticeable on account of the Kilmarnock bonnets they wore. The 3rd, 4th, 1st, Dumbartons, and 7th Battalions wore the Sutherland trews and doublets. The Dumbartons paraded over thirteen hundred strong, the strongest single battalion on parade. Two former Commanding Officers of the 93rd were on parade as Brigadier-Generals, Colonel P. D. Trotter who commanded the Gordon Brigade and Colonel J. H. Campbell who commanded the Border Brigade. Captain Richardson, D.S.O., Adjutant 4th Bn. A. & S. Highlanders, was also on parade as a Staff Officer.

The streets of Edinburgh after the Review were essentially military. Every type of uniform could be met in the street from the quaint dress of the Scottish Archer Bodyguard down to the hodden grey of the London Scottish. Talking of the London Scots reminds me to note that the Liverpool Scots are in appearance and smartness not a whit behind their older and better known brethern in the English Metroplis. I watched them marching to the Church Parade held on the Castle Esplanade the Sunday previous to the Review. Nothing finer could have been seen even in a crack line battalion. The physique was excellent, and the drill was nothing short of marvellous for so young a battalion of citizen soldiers. They swung along Princes Street and climbed the Mound like a regiment of veterans and even when their band stopped playing, and they were obliged to step short on the Castle hill, not a single man in the battalion lost the step. In their ranks I noticed two old "Rories"—Pipe-Major Mackay, and Sergeant Instructor Mackie, late Drum-Major of the 93rd.

Strolling along Princes Street at night I observed a crowd near the Art Galleries and forcing my way forward I discovered a street pavement artist at his trade and just putting the finishing touches to a presentment of "General John Hasluck Campbell." If the chalk lettering above the figure hadn't said so I wouldn't have recognised my late Commanding Officer. However I daresay it passed muster with the crowd, "General Philip Trotter" was also presented to the public in chalk, the likeness in this case being also purely imaginary.

I may state that I commenced the Review Day with a feeling of wrong done by one of the Volunteers, being woke up at the unearthly hour of half past two in the morning by a piper who chose to tune his pipes under my window. Thecontinued arrival of battalions with other energetic musicians chased away all thoughts of sleep and so there was nothing for it but to take an extra early constitutional. The injury to any feelings did not last long however. The first band I met chanced to be playing "Highland Laddie" and so I elevated my chest, took a few extra mouthfulls of air and forgave the piper who played my reveille.

What must gratify the line battalions most of all in connection with the Review was the manner in which the Volunteer battalions of the Brigade sustained so worthily the prestige of the Argyll

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and Sutherland Highlanders. The following tribute to their splendid appearance is from the pen of a writer in the Edinburgh Evening Despatch : — "I hope that other corps unspecified will not take umbrage at my noting with special approbation the splendid appearance of the Liverpool Scots and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. As these swept by a succession of cheers followed them like a wave along the stand, and we heard with gratification a confirmatory shout of enthusiasm as these gallant corps passed onwards to the neck at the double. It was a stirring sight."

To the Volunteers the Regular Army is indebted for its increased popularity during the last decade or so. The sight of a man in uniform was for many years to the people of Scotland a sign of social inferiority, but now by means of the Volunteer movement, such a feeling is a thing of the past, or nearly so. The wearers of the King's uniform whether of the Regular or Volunteer Army are equally respected, and the credit of the changed state is due to our comrades .of the citizen army. More power to them. I hope they will long show their efficiency in the same able manner as they did at the King's Review.

Musketry.

Regimental Shooting.

The Programme for September was carried out as advertised and rather a good turn out was seen on each occasion. On the 7th and 21st the competitions were carried out on the Miniature Range, and the prizes being in kind, (i.e., 7th September, 1st Prize, one suit khaki, 2nd, one set tassels, 3rd two pair hosetops, 4th, two pair gaiters ; prizes on the 21st September being somewhat similar) attracted a large gathering each day, in consequence of which there was some excellent shooting. On Thursday 14th a Pool target was fixed up, and the number of bulls eyes obtained says a lot for the accuracy of the shooting. The following are the entries and scores of the various competitions :—

Thursday 7th September was given up to a shoot on the Miniature Range. Conditions, five rounds one entry. The winners were as follows:—

1	Private Turnbull, "H" Coy.	...	Score	17
2	Lce.-Cpl. Wright, "E" „	...	„	16
3	Private Bell, "C" „	...	„	16
4	Lce.-Cpl. McKilligan, „	...	„	15

Thursday 14th September. Conditions 600 yards, bulls eye target, seven shots, five to count. There was also a Pool Target. The entries and winners were as understated :—

Class "A." Entries 35.

1	Private Strachan, "H" Coy.	...	Score	21
2	Lce.-Cpl. Blake, "D" „	...	„	19
3	Private Wilson, "A" „	...	„	19

Class "B." Entries 86.

1	Private Polson, "H" Coy.	...	Score	22
2	„ Green, "A" „	...	„	21
3	„ Greig, "E" „	...	„	21
4	„ Harris, "G" „	...	„	20
5	„ Broadfoot, "A" Coy.	...	„	20
6	„ Scott, "B" „	..	„	20
7	„ Maclean, "D" „	...	„	18
8	„ Gordon, "F" „	...	„	18

Class "C." Entries 16.

1	Private Dunne, "E" Coy.	...	Score	21

Pool Target, Rounds fired 241.

1	Lce. Sergt.	Bertram,	"F" Coy.	Bulls	2
2	Private	Morrison,	"B" „	„	1
3	„	Durick,	"A" „	„	1
4	„	Hannah,	"A" „	„	1
5	Corporal	Oliver,	"G" „	„	1
6	„	Gray,	"D" „	„	1
7	Private	Malcolm,	"F" „	„	1
8	Sergeant	Stobie,	"A" „	„	1
9	„	Macqueen,	"F" „	„	1
10	Private	Polson,	"H" „	„	1
11	„	Sibbald,	"H" „	„	1
12	Lce. Cpl.	Maun,	"A" „	„	1
13	„	Blake,	"D" „	„	1

Thursday 21st September. Miniature Range, five rounds, one entry. The following were the results :—

1	Private Dunne, "E" Coy.	...	Score	15
2	Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, "H" „	...	„	15
3	Private Grant, "D" „	..	„	14
4	Bandsman Yeo, "C" „	...	„	14

Thursday 28th September. Distance 300 yards. Conditions, Third Class Figure Target, seven rounds, five to count. Position, kneeling or sitting. The following were the successful competitors with their respective scores :—

Class "A." Entries 22.

1	Private Brown, "A" Coy.	...	Score	15
2	Lce.-Cpl. McGregor, "B" Coy.	...	„	15

Class "B." Entries 64.

1	Private Watson, "C" Coy.	...	Score	18
2	„ Millar, "H" „	...	„	16
3	„ Williamson, "B" Coy.	...	„	15
4	„ Smith, "H" „	...	„	15
5	Private Watson, "D" Coy.	...	Score	14
6	„ Lambie, "A" „	...	„	14

Class "C." Entries 11.

Private McRae, "B" Company .. Score 12

"D" company have just completed their annual course and under existing circumstances have done fairly well. Sergeant John Sim secured the

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premier place with a score of 355. The following is the result of the course:—

Exercised 94. Marksmen 10, First class shots 26, Second class shots 50, Third class shots 8. Average 165.

Letters to the Editor.

"Soldiers at Sea"

To the Editor The "Thin Red Line."

Sir,—To the article reprinted from "*The Suffolks' Gazette*," published in the August number of your periodical, under the above heading, you might have added the account I give in my "*Recollections of a Highland Subaltern*," etc., etc., of how the men of the 93rd worked a ship from the Cape to Calcutta.

After describing *at page* 11 of my book, how the majority of the crew had mutinied on board the transport *Mauritius* carrying the 93rd to the far East, I go on to relate *at pages* 12—13:—

"Notwithstanding that two or three of the mutineers amongst the crew were handed over at the Cape, on our arrival there, to the civil power, with the certainty of being sentenced to the really dreadful punishment of several years' penal servitude on the roads there in chains, this mutinous spirit accompanied us to Calcutta; for shortly after sailing from the Cape, *en route* to Calcutta, after we had received the news of the Indian Mutiny, the majority of the crew refused to work the ship, at a time, too, when the vital importance of the speedy arrival at Caltutta of such a powerful reinforcement as we constituted was clear to everyone. After the men of the 93rd heard the news from India, and how our destination was changed from China to Calcutta, not a man, even amongst our most turbulent characters, gave any further trouble. Any hopes the mutinous crew may have entertained of compelling Cruikshank to put back to the Cape, by refusing to work the ship, was doomed to disappointment, for owing to our having so many men in the 93rd recruited from amongst the fishermen of both the East and West Coasts of Scotland, we were able to supply eighty-eight men qualified to go aloft in all weathers with ease and safety. The capabilities of each volunteer were thoroughly tested before he was allowed to undertake a sailor's duties, and he received a sailor's wages for the rest of the voyage, in addition to his military pay, and slop suits of nautical clothing provided by the skipper. Besides this important assistance in working the ship, nearly half our men were on deck day and night as the military watch, and all of them always ready and more than willing to haul the ropes about when required to do so, Lieutenant-Colonels Leith-Hay and Ewart, as well as land-lubbers like myself among the officers, often lending a hand; for it must remembered that, owing to the limited coal-carrying capacity of the *Mauritius*, we had to *sail* more than we *steamed*, throughout the voyage. We can say, therefore, with perfect truth, that the 93rd Highlanders worked the good ship *Mauritius* from the Cape of Good Hope to Calcutta."

To the above extract you must allow me to add, that although the headquarters and seven companies of the battalion were *on* the sea, it certainly could not be said of them that they were "soldiers *at* sea!"

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. Gordon-Alexander, Lt.-Col.,
late 93rd Highlanders.

Dear Sir,—I have just got back from Edinburgh to-day from seeing the Review and calling on a few more veterans. The Review was splendid. Colonel Campbell was in command of the Border Brigade and led them past the king in good style Poor Colonel Campbell! I felt almost as proud as he felt, I'm sure, at seeing him in feather bonnet and plaid again. Colonel Trotter commanded the Gordon Brigade and Colonel Hunt the Argyll and Sutherland Brigade. The Argyll and Sutherland Brigade was the strongest on parade, over 5,000 men.

Re. the veterans:—I have seen no less than 19 Thin Red Line men since I came home, one of whom is now dead—Goldie. Another two have also died since I came home, but whom I never saw.—McGarvie, who died in Glasgow about two months ago, and Skinner who was buried at Inverness the day I arrived there. There are still a few more T.R.L. men alive whom I have not yet seen. I dare say there are about 30 of them still to the fore. Those whom I have named in my list are certainties, as I have seen their medals and bars and in most cases their small-books and discharge papers. Besides the T.R.L. men are so jealous of the honour that one who claimed it would soon be exposed if their claim was not good.

Mrs. Ross, whom I saw with her husband the other day, was a great case in her day I have been told. She is well known as "Kirsty" and was washer woman to Sir Colin Campbell in the Crimea. There were four women landed with the Regt. in the Crimea: Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Henderson, the latter dying of cholera 2 days after the battle of Balaklava. Mrs. Allison died sometime after the Regiment returned from the Crimea, and Mrs. Smith within recent years. It was Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ross who drove back the Turks while the T.R.L. was waiting to receive the Russian Cavalry.

Poor old soul! When we (Sergeant Milne went with me, both of us *in uniform*, to see her) left she came out into the street crying. She called out after us, "Good-bye, my bonnie laddies, my hert's wi' the tartan." She is now 74 years of age and her husband is 76. They were married while the Regiment was in Edinburgh in 1850—55 years married.

Yours faithfully,
A. L.

Paisley,
21st September, 1905.

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Physical Drill Competition.

The annual tussle for the shield presented by Captain Moulton Barrett, took place on Tuesday 5th September, and the weather favoured us, although the rays of the declining sun were, for a little time, rather troublesome to the eyes of one of the last squads to compete.

From a spectator's point of view the absence of music now robs this display of much of its interest, but of course necessitates the contest being much keener in regard to time, precision, etc.

The first company representatives to appear were those of "B," and they went through their performance from start to finish without any perceptible hitch and the unanimous verdict from the "gallery" as they marched off was that they could'nt be beaten and the shield should be handed over at once.

On the whole the competition was very creditable all through. There were no very glaring mistakes at any time, and after it was all finished and we were waiting amidst the hush of suspense for the verdict of the judges, the general opinion was, that the honours lay between "B" and "F," with "D" or "G" for a place. General opinion was of course, as it usually is about this competition, entirely wrong, and "G" company carried the trophy from the field once more. Good luck to them and they can have it again next year if they only come out on top at the same business when the Presidency sports are held.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.

THAT he taks his afternoon practice every mornin' at sunset.

That he wore his sark every week for a fortnicht.

That he wad like tae hae a turn o' the swing.

That he felt him talking twa mile awa.

That he canna shoot wi his eft ear open.

That she cud dae wi a lot o' coffee in her milk.

That he married his wife's brother.
That he thocht she wis a girl.
That he canna stand sleeping a' day.
That he stuck a letter on the stamp.
That he pit it upside doon tae.

Ninety-Third Calendar for November, 1905.

1 W. Mutiny Campaign. No. 3 Company defeated small force of enemy at Kudjwa near Fatehpur, 1857; 3 killed; 1 Officer and 15 men wounded. Sialkote to Jhansi, 1866.
2 Th. Reached Cawnpore, 1857; 2 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Ewart attacked fortified village of Banterah, 10 miles from Lucknow; 2 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Adrian Hope captured gun at Bannee, 1 man killed, 3 wounded.
3 F. Embarked in detachments, Cork, for West Indies, 1823. Left Sialkote to join Sir Neville Chamberlain's force for Eusafzai Campaign, 1863: strength, 22 Officers, 30 Sergeants, 25 Corporals, 20 Drummers, 497 Privates.
4 S. EmbarkedCork for West Indies, 1823. Chaubattia for Bareilly, 1891.
5 S Ranikhet to Bareilly. Hill Manœuvres *en route* 1900.
6 M. Embarked Cork for West Indies, 1823. Arrived Toronto from Montreal, 1838.
7 Tu.
8 W. Embarked Cork West Indies, 1823; Tochi Campaign; break up of third Khaza Column at Inzar Kach, 1897. Arrived Bareilly from Chaubattia, 1898.
9 Th. Sir Colin Campbell assumed command of force at Cawnpore for advance upon Lucknow, 1857. Attack on Fort Mittowlee, Oudh, 1858. Left Wing and Head-quarters arrived Bareilly from Hill Manœuvres, 1900.
10 F. Strength reduced to 45 Officers, 57 Sergeants, 24 Drummers, 48 Corporals, 6 Pipers and 952 Privates, 1856. Capture of Fort Mittowlee, 1858. Dagshai for Umballa, 1893.
11 S. Force for relief of Lucknow reviewed at Cawnpore by Sir Colin Campbell, 1857; 93rd, 53rd, and 4th Punjab Infantry brigaded together under Brig.-Genl. Adrian Hope, 93rd.
12 S
13 M. Windsor for Portsmouth *en route* for Glasgow, 1882.
14 Tu. Terrific gale at Balaklava, huts unroofed and every tent in camp levelled, 1854. Advance from Cawnpore for relief of Lucknow commenced, 1857. Pindi for Peshawar, 1861.
15 W. Arrived Umballa from Dagshai, 1893.
16 Th. Secundrabagh and Shah Nujeef stormed by 93rd, 1857; 2 Officers and 24 men killed. 7 Officers and 61 men wounded. Arrived Glasgow from Windsor 1862.
17 F. Communication with Residency, Lucknow, opened, 1857. Arrived Boya from Sherani, 1897. Funeral of H. G. Duke of Wellington, detachment of 93rd in attendance, 1852.
18 S. Evacuation of Lucknow commenced, 1857.
19 S
20 M.
21 Tu. Re-armed with Lee-Enfield Rifle, 1900. "G" Company team fire for and win Army Inter-Company Volley Match (India) 1900.
22 W. Evacuation of Lucknow successfully accomplished, 1857.
23 Th.
24 F. 2nd Battalion, 93rd, disbanded, Sutherland, 1815; 30 Sergeants, 23 Corporals, 11 Drummers, and 303 men to 1st Battalion.
25 S.
26 S
27 M.

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28 Tu. Sir Colin Campbell's force from Lucknow after forced march reinforced General Wyndham at Cawnpore 1857.
29 W. Bridge of boats over Ganges at Cawnpore saved and secured by Sir Colin Campbell's force, 1857. Column under Major J. H. Campbell left Boya for Maizar, 1897.
30 Th. St. Andrew's Day, Breech-loading Sniders, Pattern III, issued, 1870,

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sub-Conductor, dated 1st April, 1905 :—

Sergeant George John Artlett, Office of the Quartermaster General in India. Intelligence Branch.

To be Sergeants :—

No. 4293 Lance Sergeant D.G. Newell, "D" Coy., dated 23rd June, 1905.

No. 6386 Lance Sergeant J. Dougall, "G" Coy., dated 13th July, 1905.

To be Corporals :—

No. 4662 Lance Corporal A. Gray, "H" Coy., dated 23rd June, 1905.

No. 4771 Lance Corporal J. Oliver, "E" Coy., dated 13th July, 1905.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Cook Sergeant :—

No. 4058 Sergeant J. Buchanan, "G" Coy., dated 23rd June, 1905.

To be Paid Lance Sergeant :—

No. 4609 Corporal A. E. Smith, "F" Coy., dated 23rd June, 1905.

No. 5678 Corporal T. Scott, "C" Coy., dated 13th July, 1905.

No. 2543 Corporal D. Chisholm, "D" Coy., (while employed as Volunteer Instructor).

To be Paid Lance Corporals :—

No. 8284 Lance Corporal G. McIntosh, "E" Coy., dated 23rd June, 1905.

No. 7547 Lance Corporal D. McIntosh, "F" Coy., dated 26th June, 1905.

No. 7425 Lance Corporal H. Smith, "B" Coy., dated 30th June, 1905.

No. 8397 Lance Corporal J. Wright, "E" Coy., dated 13th July, 1905.

No. 8195 Lance Corporal J. Laird, "B" Coy., dated 14th July, 1905.

No. 5853 Lance Corporal J. Brown, "G" Coy., dated 21st July, 1905.

No. 8281 Lance Corporal J. Tunstall, "F" Coy., dated 21st July, 1905.

To be Drummer :—

No. 7202 Private D. Irvine, "C" Coy., dated 14th July, 1905.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals :—

No. 7001 Private T. Donohue, "F" Coy., (while employed on the Police).

No. 6444 Private J. Young, "E" Coy., (while employed on the Police).

No. 7743 Private R. Fleming, "H" Coy., dated 20th September, 1905.

To be Acting Pipers

No. 9169 Private Watson, "G" Company.

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No. 9086 Pte. J. Muchan | No. 7670 Pte J. Brown
No. 7680 Private T. Mullins

"B" Company.

No. 7675 Pte. J. Miller | No. 7677 Pte. D. Reid
,, 7212 ,, W. Fraser | ,, 7560 ,, J. Walsh

"C" Company.

No. 5308 Pte. J. Lowe | No. 5516 Pte. G. Anderson.

"D" Company.

No. 7698 L.Cpl.W. McCorkell | 7752 Pte.W. McLachlan

"E" Company.

No. 7514 Private A. Kennaway.

"G" Company.

No. 4753 Pte. E. McAulay | No. 7661 Pte. H. McKay.

"H" Company.

No. 6355 Pte. G. Boyd | No. 6677 Pte. C. McPherson.
No. 8211 Private J. Ingram.

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"A" Company.

No. 8117 Pte. E. Lynch | No. 9225 Pte. T. Guthrie.
No. 5189 Private H. Allan.

"B" Company.

No. 9343 Private D. Wilson.

"F" Company.

No. 7160 Private H. Macdonald.

"G" Company.

No. 7951 Pte. H. McIntosh | No. 9441 Pte. W. Harris.
,, 8846 ,, A. McTear | ,, 8073 ,, W. Fleming.

"H" Company.

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"B" Company.

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,, 7660 ,, J. Walsh | ,, 7694 ,, J. Nutt.

"D" Company.

No. 7698 L. Cpl. W. McCorkell | No. 7177 Pte. W. Reid
,, 7752 Pte. McLachlan | ,, 6973 ,, A. Watson
No. 7059 Private T. Edins.

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"E" Company
No. 7010 Pte. J. Robertson | No. 7585 Pte. L. Davidson.
"G" Company.
No. 7661 Private H. McKay.
"I" Company.
No. 8248 Pte. J. Turner | No. 7680 Pte. T. Mullins.
"H" Company.
No. 8601 Pte. Morrison | No. 6799 Pte. J. Kelly.
Granted One Good Conduct Badge.
"B" Company.
No. 7936 Private W. Strain.
"C" Company.
No. 7190 Pte. W. Lindlay | No. 5516 Pte. Sanderson.
"D" Company.
No. 7416 Private J. Monaghan.
"F" Company.
No. 8067 Private J. Shannon.
"G" Company.
No. 9441 Pte, W. Harris | No. 9270 Pte. W. Nicholson
,, 9279 ,, R. Edmiston. | ,, 7125 ,, M. Nicholson
"H" Company.
No. 7125 Pte. J. Logan | No. 5951 Pte. D. Donaldson.
No. 7743 Private R, Fleming.

CERTIFICATES.

Awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education.

No. 6952	Drummer	J. Shirley	"E" Company.
,, 7425	L. Cpl.	H. Smith	"B" ,,
,, 6428	,,	R. Carlyle	"C" ,,
,, 6480	,,	J. Campbell	"C" ,,
,, 9596	Drummer	J. M. Doran	"C" ,,
,, 7414	,,	A. McLaren	"D" ,,
,, 6440	Corporal	E. McElroy	"E" ,,
,, 6009	L.Cpl.	D. Birrell	"E" ,,
,, 4949	Private	J. Chalmers	"E" ,,
,, 7547	L. Cpl.	D. MacIntosh	"F" ,,
,, 8281	,,	Tunstall	"F" ,,
,, 6892	,,	T. Smith	"F" ,,
,, 9186	,,	W. McKilligan	"G" ,,
,, 9258	,,	J. Mulholland	"G" ,,
,, 9078	Private	G. Dryden	"G" ,,
,, 5806	,,	Tate	"G" ,,
,, 9427	,,	R. H. Adam	"G" ,,
,, 9270	,,	W. Nicholson	"G" ,,
,, 9748	,,	A. Wickham	"G" ,,
,, 5243	L. Cpl.	H. Lawrie	"H" ,,
,, 7716	Private	T. Pledger	"H" ,,
,, 9183	Bandsman	C. McKilligan	"H" ,,

3rd Class Certificate of Education :—

No. 6746	Lance Corporal	J. Wright,	"E" Company
,, 8090	Private	W. Green,	"E" ,,
,, 7514	,,	A. Kennaway,	"E" ,,
,, 9048	,,	F. Rhodes,	"F" ,,
,, 6172	Lance Corporal	F. Eite,	"C" ,,
,,	Private	W. Young,	"G" ,,
,, 7738	,,	A. McInnes,	"H" ,,

Granted Transport Certificate dated 9th September, 1905.
No. 5678 Corporal T. Scott, "C" Company
,, 4771 Lance Corporal J. Oliver, "E" Company
,, 7969 ,, ,, J. Stewart, "B" ,,
,, 9630 Private H. Palmer, "H" ,,
Awarded Nursing Certificates dated 23rd September, 1905 :—
No. 7630 Private J. McVicar, "B" Company
,, 7751 ,, D. Marshall, "D" ,,
,, 7931 ,, A. Medley, "F" ,,

MUSKETRY.

The following N.C.Os. and men of "D" Company are entitled to Marksman's Badges :—
No. 6764 Sergeant J. Sim, (Best Shot of Company)
No. 2981 Sergt. W. Scott | No. 4293 Sgt. D. G. Newell
,, 5674 L.-Cpl. J. Blake | ,, 6703 Pte. W. Houston
,, 7710 Pte. J. Jack | ,, 6152 ,, W. Rastall
No. 6418 Private R. Watson
No. 4771 Lance Corporal J. Oliver, "E" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years service.
No. 5219 Sergeant M. Sutherland "H" Company
,, 4867 Private J. Quigley "A" ,,
Extended to complete 12 years with the colours.
No. 6386 Sergeant J. Dougall "G" Company
Extended to complete 8 years with the colours.
No. 9343 Private D. Wilson "B" Company
,, 8165 ,, E. Moore "H" ,,
,, 8387 ,, H. Reeves "H" ,,

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company.
No. 4682 Corporal A. Gray "H" to "D" Company
,, 4771 ,, J. Oliver "E" to "G" ,,
,, 7202 Drummer D. Irvine "C" to "B" ,,

TAKEN ON THE STRENGTH.

Recruit William Robert Faulds finally attested at Poona on 18th September 1905 and posted to "G" Coy.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Transferred to Army Reserve in India dated 19th August 1905.
No. 7366 Private C. B. Painter, "B" Company.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH OF MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT.

Caroline Arter Knowlden wife No. 5490 Lance Sergeant S. Smith "H" Company.

David Murray Mackenzie, son of No. 6382 Corporal A. Brownlie, "E" Company.

Annie Ramage, daughter of No. 5842 Sgt. R. Glass, "A" Company.

ALLOTTED REGIMENTAL NUMBER.

No. 9850 to Private H. Young, "G" Company.

CHANGE OF NAME.

No. 8408 Private A. Gregor, "G" Coy., to Alexander George Henry.

No. 8161 Private J. McDonald, "G" Coy., to John Aitken.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

Brownlie—At Poona on the 28th day of August, 1905, the wife of No. 6382 Corporal A. Brownlie, "E" Company, a son, David Murray Mackenzie.

Glass—At Poona on the 20th day of September, 1905, the wife of Sergeant R. Glass, "A" Company, a daughter, Annie Ramage.

MARRIAGE.

Smith-Knowlden—At All Saints Church, Kirkee on the 6th September, 1905, by the Rev. Mr. Rountree, Lance Sergeant S. Smith, 93rd Highlanders to Caroline Arter, second daughter of the late Staff Sergeant Knowlden, Ordnance Department.

Subscriptions.

The Editor begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the following subscriptions :—

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SKIRLS

October has been a comparatively busy month so far as this Battalion is concerned, the Presidential Assault-at Arms, the Football Tournament for the "Harris" cup, and the arrival of a draft of seventy-two non-commissioned Officers and men being the outstanding events. The weather, with the exception of a few well needed downpours, has been all that could be desired, the heat during the day not being in any way excessive, while the cool mornings and evenings were very acceptable. The rainfall in the Poona District has been greater than that recorded for many seasons, close on 25 inches having fallen, a circumstance to which we probably owe our immunity from sickness and disease.

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The much-talked-of hackles have at last arrived and have been issued to everyone. The "Drums" are honoured with red hackles, the "Pipes" with green ones, while the remainder of the Battalion sport the white one. For the benefit of those at home and abroad who follow the fortunes of the Battalion we may mention that the hackles, with the addition of the "left-side" collar badge and tartan rosette, are worn in Review Order, Commanding Officer's Parade, and on all guard duties. The appearance of the parade with the hackles in wear is indeed an inspiring sight, and relieves the bareness of the otherwise ubiquitous khaki.

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There is a wealth of statistics in the Battalion Annual Return prepared at this time of the year, and from it we have gleaned some interesting information. On the 1st of October the strength of the Battalion was thirty-one Officers, two Warrant Officers, forty-nine Staff Sergeants and Sergeants, twenty-one Drummers and Pipers, and nine hundred and sixty rank and file, a grand total, excluding officers, of 1032. Of the nationalities, a much discussed subject, we find that Scotland claims twenty-five Officers and 864 Non-commissioned Officers and men; England claims five Officers, and eighty-eight of other ranks; Ireland has one Officer and sixty-five of other ranks; while Wales and "Colonial Birth" claim one and fourteen members of the Battalion respectively. Then of religious denominations, we remark under the ambiguous heading of Presbyterians nine Officers and 772 Warrant, Non-commissioned Officers, and men; the Church of

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England owns the allegiance of no less than *twenty* officers and eighty-three of other ranks; of Roman Catholics we have two Officers and 174 N.-C.Os. and men; and of Wesleyans and Congregationalists we possess two and one respectively. The average height and age are much the same as last year, namely, slightly over five feet seven inches, and about twenty-six years; while the birth-places of 253 men have been within the territorial district of Argyll, Bute, Renfrew, Stirling, Dunbarton and Clackmannan. Three hundred and thirty-one men are privileged to sport one good-conduct badge, 262 can sport two badges, 22 can chuck out their weight with three badges, while five are struggling along under the burden of four bars. No long service and good conduct medals having arrived during the past twelve months, our worthy Sergeant-Major is still the only one able to sport this decoration. As has been previously recorded, the educational status of the Battalion is of a high order, the number of first-class certificates being thirty-one, second class 232 and third class 247. Of these figures, the number gained during the past year was five firsts, thirty-eight seconds, and thirty-two thirds, an excellent record. A somewhat remarkable fact, which may astonish some of our stay-at-home readers, is, that for the twelve months ended, only one death has occurred in the battalion, speaking well for the excellent stamina of the troops.

We have to congratulate our late Adjutant, Captain J. Campbell, on his having passed the qualifying examination for the Staff College.

From the draw in the first round of the Army Cup we observe that the Ninety-First have secured a bye. Let us hope they will have better luck this year, and we are sure their efforts will be eagerly watched by many in the Ninety-Third.

Truly, we are always learning. In one of the September numbers of the *Graphic* we learn that in the Museum of the City of Sebastopol there is an engraving of "the well-known picture the Thin Red Line at Inkerman." It's enough to make Sir Colin turn in his grave.

The draft numbering seventy-two Non-commissioned officers and men, under Second Lieutenant R. G. Maclaine, arriving "very early" on the morning of Saturday 28th, were without delay taken to the R. A. T. A. rooms, where a substantial breakfast of ham and eggs was heartily enjoyed by all. The draft, which came out in the "Plassey," appear to be a very likely lot of youngsters, and should quickly settle down to Indian life. For the prevention of any possible disease, they have been placed under canvas on the maidan for a month.

The Presidential Assault-at-arms has at last come and gone. and while we were unfortunate with both our tug-of-war teams, the number of other prizes obtained by other members of the Battalion were both numerous and valuable. An account of the meeting is given elsewhere.

Our hopes of retaining our last trophy in the football arena—the "Harris" cup—have fallen to the ground, our team going under to the Leicesters in the final, after a good fight. A report of the tournament appears on another page.

As in the month of October occurs the anniversary of the most sacred of our battle honours, a passing reference to the visits of our representative to the various heroes, still alive, of that never to-be-forgotten day, and of those who fought through the hardships of the Indian mutiny, cannot be out of place. Colour-Sergeant Lockie has personally interviewed thirty-two veteran comrades, corresponded with four, and at the date of writing us, had eight more to see personally and four more to correspond with. A pleasing feature of our old comrades is, that the majority of them are in fairly comfortable circumstances, while one, Mr. John Kemp, has attained to the dignity of a bailie. However, the few whose lives have fallen on harder times have not been forgotten, Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson forwarding a sum of twenty pounds to relieve their more pressing wants. As each year the number who have followed our Colours through the hardships of the Crimean and Mutiny Campaigns grows smaller, we trust our younger comrades will not grudge the space devoted to their narratives, as words can scarcely be found to chronicle the enthusiasm with which our old comrades speak of their well beloved corps, "the Ninety-third Sutherland Highlanders, the Thin Red Line."

The attention of our readers is drawn to the notice regarding subscriptions, which appears on page vi. of our advertisements.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, the gracious patron of our Regiment, has forwarded to the Editor two excellent portraits of herself and His Grace the Duke of Argyll for publication in an early issue of this paper. It is pleasing to know that Her Royal Highness takes such an interest in our doings.

With this number we present as a supplement a reproduction of the photograph of the Regimental Football team which won the "Harris" and

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"Richardson" Cups during the season 1904-05. The publication of this plate has unfortunately been delayed owing to the block going astray. The photograph was taken by Mr. P. Metzker, Poona.

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The War Office having sanctioned the adoption of the turn-down collar on the khaki jackets of infantrymen. the majority of the Battalion are sporting the new alteration. As it leaves the neck much more open, it should be much appreciated on route marching and manœuvres.

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"E" and "F" Companies have almost completed their annual course of Military Training-while the Band and Signallers are still at musketry,

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The natives in and around Poona have had some wonderful junketings during the past few days, and the concluding episode, the immersion of the "taboots" in the river at Sungam was witnessed by large crowds of admiring and "howling" spectators, the apparel of which, generally varied enough, is largely augmented by splashes of multi-hued paint.

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With the last mail we have received a copy of "The Hampshire Regimental Gazette," being the first issue of the journal compiled at the Depôt of the Hampshire Regiment. This interesting Magazine is intended to chronicle the doings of both Regular and Militia Battalions, and in endeavours to do so, we wish our new contemporary every success.

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Second Lieutenants A. C. Gilmour and D. M. Porteous passed in subjects (*a*) and (*b*) for promotion at the recent examination held in Poona.

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Lieutenant L. G. Fenzi, "E" Company, has proceeded to England on ninety days' accumulated privilege leave.

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Captain D. J. Glasfurd has been selected for Brigade Signalling Officer, in room of Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean, who is proceeding on a tour of duty at the Depôt. Lieutenant Maclean relieves Lieutenant Thomson, whose return to the Battalion is expected shortly.

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Second Lieutenant R. G. Maclaine, whose return to excellent health we are pleased to observe, has, with Sergeant J. Reid, "C" Company, been placed in charge of the Machine Gun section.

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Lieutenants L. G. Fenzi and T. T. Oakes (attached) have passed the Lower Standard Urdu examination.

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For the use of the photographs of the 82nd Punjabis' Pipers and "E" Company's Physical drill team, we are indebted to Private A. Elder, "E" Company.

The Editor will be glad to receive photos of a similar nature for publication.

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It may be interesting to some of the younger members of the Battalion to learn that Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred Gaselee, K.C.B., G.C.I.E., who has been selected, along with Sir Archibald Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O., to command an Army Corps in the forthcoming manœuvres at Rawal Pindi, is an old Ninety-third Officer, having joined the Battalion in 1863, and received his introduction to active service in the same year. The occasion in question was the Umbeyla Campaign, and since then the gallant General's experience of frontier warfare has been exceptionally varied and extensive, being present at all the campaigns against our somewhat aggressive frontier neighbours.

Close Shaves.

Mr. Frank Scudamore, the well known war correspondent, writing in Cassell's Journal recalls some marvellous instances of escape from death by men struck apparently in a vital part. That "every bullet has its billet" is an exploded fallacy, he says, and pins his faith on the modern military assertion that it takes a man's weight in lead to kill a soldier. Amongst other instances that have come under his observation he cites the following regarding two famous soldiers now in India:—

The night before the battle of Ginnis, fought on the Nile in 1886, Sir Archibald Hunter (to give him his present title), with two brother officers, was watching from the walled pit of a ruined water wheel the movements of a body of Dervish horsemen. The aperture in the wall through which they gazed was so narrow that the three were forced to stand close one behind another, while they observed the Dervishes through their field glasses. And this is what happened. A bullet from the Dervishes (who soon spied them out) struck the lens of the front officer's glass, pierced it. passed through his eye and his head, killing him; passed then through the man next him —Colonel Hackett-Thompson, of the "Camerons"—and then entered the body of Archibald Hunter just above the heart, were it remains to this day. It must be a painful reminder, mentally as well as physically, to General Hunter to know that he is wearing in his body the ball that killed one comrade and badly wounded another.

Lord Kitchener himself had what soldiers call "a lucky let off" at the retaking of Tokar in 1889, where he was in command of the Khedive's forces. In the middle of the battle a bullet struck him in the throat, a mere fraction of an inch from the jubular vein, and lodged in the muscles of the neck. There it remained, despite the efforts of the surgeons, for some time, until one day at dinner General Kitchener chanced to swallow a fly, which produced a violent fit of coughing. In the midst of this the Dervish missile (a heavy Remington ball) dropped into his soup plate

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Football.

THE HARRIS CUP TOURNAMENT.

THE last tournament of the season promised to be one of excitement, and as the matches were all to be decided on the Garrison Ground at Ghorpuri, our men had plenty opportunities of seeing the play. The rain, falling generally towards evening, caused one or two postponements, but the games were all played off as drawn.

Unfortunately, we have to chronicle defeat in the final for our eleven, but they played well notwithstanding, and as this season appears to have been an unlucky one for us, we will look forward to next season's representatives retrieving the honours of the Regiment.

On the conclusion of the final game, the General Officer Commanding the Station, on presenting the cup to the winners, spoke in a highly complimentary manner of the play he had witnessed.

1ST ROUND.—93RD HIGHLANDERS *v.* ROYAL SCOTS

After a series of postponements, these two teams met on Ghorpuri ground, to decide who should meet the East Lancashires in the second round. The Highlanders, having met and defeated the Scots at Bombay, in the Rovers tournament, it was confidently expected they would again prove their superiority.

A good turnout of spectators witnessed the game, and Sergeant D'Arcy lost no time in getting the teams started to business. The Scots winning the toss, elected to play with the wind and sun in their favour. Quinn kicked off, and Cameron catching on, had a run up the left, but placed badly. Immediately the Scots were at Mullen's end but bad shooting spoiled their chance. A foul against the Scots was well placed by Lapsley, and Galbraith just missed scoring. Quinn got off on one of his characteristic runs, finishing up with a grand drive which just grazed the upright, unfortunately on the wrong side. From the goal-kick the Scots assumed the offensive and a foul against us improved their chances, but luckily McLean cleared. Back again our opponents came and Markey was forced to concede a corner, which however proved fruitless. The Highlanders then took up the running for a time and Wright had a try for goal but the ball was hustled past. From the goal-kick the Scots came away and forced a corner, from which they almost opened the scoring, Mullen making a grand save, just scraping the ball past with nothing to spare. The Scots kept pegging away, and Mullen was deservedly cheered for a splendid save which he made with two opponents in close attendance. Fleming was being left out in the cold, the play all being on the left wing, half-time arriving with a blank sheet, no scoring.

Rain came on during the interval, causing the field to become very treacherous, and on resuming slips were of frequent occurrence. A foul shy against the Highlanders improved matters for the Scots, but McMillan cleared. Quinn then made tracks for goal, but was stopped when in a good position. Fleming was getting more to do this half, and a good try from this player was just saved by the goalkeeper on the post. The Scots now had an innings, and gaining a corner, they had a likely opening, but Lakin skied the ball when a touch would have done it. The Highlanders were now playing with ten men, McLean being injured, but notwithstanding the game was stubbornly contested until he returned. Fleming at this stage shifted to inside right, improving the play considerably, but still that necessary goal didn't arrive. McLean was playing a splendid game at half back, and it was mainly due to his efforts that the Scots right wing wer so seldom dangerous. A long shot from the Scots centre-half looked dangerous, Mullen being rather forcibly dealt with by two of the Scots forwards. Play of an even nature continued, and time arrived neither team having scored. Result—a draw, no scoring.

TEAMS.

Royal Scots—Goal, Bryce; Backs, Foster and West; Half-backs, Pickett, Finnigan and Lakin; Forwards, Brown and McMillan, McCallum, Kennaway and Cain.

Ninety-third Highlanders.—Goal, Pte. Mullen; Backs, Sgt. Markey and Pte. Ballantyne: Halfs, Ptes. McMillan, Lapsley and McLean; Forwards, Ptes. Fleming and Wright, Lce.-Cpl. Quinn, Pte. Cameron and Lce.-Cpl. Galbraith.

Referee—SERGT. D'ARCY.

REPLAYED TIE, 1ST ROUND.

93RD HIGHLANDERS *v.* ROYAL SCOTS.

For the second time the teams met to settle their undecided tie. The Highlanders had two changes, Mowatt and Duncan being introduced in place of Ballantyne and Galbraith, although the wisdom of this was questioned by many. Our team at once assumed the aggressive, and a foul against the Scots resulted, Duncan shooting over. From the goal-kick the Highlanders bore down on the Scots, and Fleming opened the scoring with a beauty from short range, our opponents' goalkeeper having no chance to save. From the kick-off the Scots were soon round Mullen and for a moment things looked serious, but Lapsley came to the rescue and cleared. Quinn getting away on a run it looked odds on him scoring, but West cleared with a huge punt. The respective goalkeepers were having an easy time of it now, the backs and halfs doing their work well. It was early seen that the Highlanders meant business, and a good piece of work by Quinn and Mowatt almost brought a second goal, Foster just nipping the ball away in time. Cameron got away on the left, and centering at the right moment, Quinn caught on, and dribbling round the bakes, scored a second goal amidst great enthusiasm. Nettled at this reverse, the Scots came away in a body, and only the sterling defence of the Highlanders prevented their scoring. Half time arrived with Highlanders leading by 2—0.

On resuming, with the wind in their favour, the Scots made for goal, but Duncan returned them, Mullen not being called upon. McLean and Mowatt caused no end of laughter with the way they had of taking shies, the one turning his back while the other threw the ball against him. The Scots were working hard to reduce the lead, but in McMillan, Duncan and McLean they met three excellent defenders. Mullen, so far, had not handled the ball this half, but it was not long before he got a grounder from long range to negotiate, which he did easily. About 10 minutes from time the Scots made a great effort to pierce our goal but they only gained a fruitless corner. Quinn was keeping his wings going well, and Fleming getting a pass from him, tricked the back and half-back and scored a lovely goal five minutes from time. The Scots were now a beaten team, and when time arrived we were winners of an interesting game by 3 goas to nil.

The Royal Scots were represented by their former team.

Referee—SERGT. D'ARCY.

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SEMI-FINAL.

93RD HIGHLANDERS *v.* EAST LANCS.

A large crowd turned out to witness this encounter, which promised to be a fast one, as the ground was in good condition for a game of that sort.

The teams lined up at 5 p.m. The Lancs. winning the toss the Highlanders kicked off against a strong sun, but this did not seem to affect the play in any way at first, as they at once forced their opponents to defend for all they were worth. A beautiful pass from Fleming across the goal mouth went abegging, so a splendid chance was lost. Still keeping at it, the Highlanders forced matters considerably, and Mowatt just skimmed the bar with a hard drive. From the goal-kick the Lancs. got away, and working the ball up to the 12 yards line, they had a glorious opening, but Ainsworth slipped, and Lapsley sent the ball out of danger. The Highlanders were now going strongly, and it only seemed a matter of minutes until they would score. Forcing a corner, which was well placed by Galbraith, Wright just missed by inches. Carefoot was getting plenty of work, and it was due to him that the Highlanders were returned time and again. The Lancs. now had an innings, and Pepper, their outside right, had a splendid try which Mullen deftly turned round the post. Mid-field play now ensued for a time. A foul against the Lilliewhites looked promising, and Lapsley placing well, it was cleared with considerable difficulty. Half time arrived without either team having scored.

On resuming the Lancs. broke away, and a foul against the Highlanders gave them a chance, and only after McLean cleared the Highlanders supporters breathed freely. They soon returned, and an exciting five minutes ensued. Encouraged by cries of "Come away the Lillies," the Lancs. played for all they were worth, but Lapsley, McLean and Company were all there, so much indeed that Mullen was never called upon. Play then opened out a bit and Fleming getting away on the right, he tested Carefoot with a beauty, but that custodian cleared splendidly, and play raged in mid-field for a time. The Lancs. again took up the running, and a splendid shot from the right caused Mullen to jump. He had to concede a corner to save his charge, and eventually the ball was sent past.

From the goal-kick the Highlanders took matters in hand, and Quinn had a good opening, but he was knocked off the ball in a very questionable manner. Play was of an even nature till the finish, which arrived with neither side having scored. Result—a draw, no scoring.

TEAMS.

Ninety-third Highlanders—Goal, Pte. Mullen, Backs, Pte. Lapsley and Sgt. Markey; Halfbacks; Ptes. McMillan, Duncan, and McLean ; Forwards, Ptes. Fleming and Wright, Lce.-Cpl. Quinn, Pte. Mowatt and Lce.-Cpl. Galbraith.

East Lancashires—Goal, Sgt. Carefoot ; Backs, Ptes. Smallwood and Duckworth ; Halfbacks, Durkin. Hubbart, and Naylor. Forwards, Pepper and Bromley ; Ainsworth, Booth and Bamber.

Referee—SGT. D'ARCY.

SEMI FINAL (REPLAYED TIE).

93RD HIGHLANDERS *v.* EAST LANCASHIRES.

This tie was replayed on Ghorpuri ground on Wednesday evening the 25th. There was the usual crowd present. The referee lost no time in getting the teams started, the Highlanders winning the toss. Working the ball well up the field, the Lancs. forced matters, and Pepper had a drive at goal which went over the bar. They, however, were soon back again, but were met with a stubborn defence. It then looked as if the "Lilliewhites" were to open the scoring, but Lapsley cleared grandly at the critical moment, and the "Jocks" were soon in their opponents' end, where Fleming had a splendid try, Carefoot clearing with little to spare. From a determined rush by the Lancs. Lapsley got winded, but he soon recovered, and defended as vigorously as ever. A foul against the Lancs. looked dangerous, but the backs relieved the pressure by punting clear. A spell of mid-field play now occurred, neither side claiming any advantage. The Lancs. broke off once more, and Bamber drove hard for goal, Mullen clearing grandly. Fleming catching on, ran straight towards Carefoot. That custodian was not tested, however, the back clearing. Half-time arrived without either team having scored.

On resuming the Highlanders at once assumed the aggressive, and it looked as if they must soon score. They attacked for all they were worth, and getting through the defence, a lively scrimmage took place within the 12-yards line. So determined was the onslaught, that the Lancs. conceded a corner, and Fleming placing well, Mowatt opened the scoring for the Highlanders amid great enthusism. It was a well-earned goal and well deserved on play. The "Jocks" were again attacking, and it looked odds on them increasing their score. Two fouls against the Lancs. looked likely but the backs came to the rescue and cleared. From now until the finish, the Highlanders were masters, but they could not add to their score, and so ran out winners of a hard and exciting game. Result—93rd Highlanders, 1 goal ; East Lancs., Nil.

Both Regiments played almost the same teams as in their first match, the only change being Donaldson brought into the Highlanders' team.

Referee,—SERGEANT D'ARCY.

FINAL TIE.

93RD HIGHLANDERS *v.* LEICESTER REGIMENT.

This tie was brought off on Ghorpuri ground, before an enormous attendance, and a fast game was expected. The Highlanders were first to appear, closely followed by the Leicesters, and both teams received a great ovation as they stepped on to the field. The Highlanders winning the toss, elected to defend the Wanowrie goal, and Hubbard set the ball in motion for the Leicesters. Right away the Highlanders forced the pace, but the visitors' backs proved equal to the task set to them. The visitors broke away on the left, but offside against Denton spoiled a likely chance. Lapsley punted well down the field, and Quinn obtaining possession ran well in, being dispossessed by Keogh. Play was of a very fast nature, the respective half-backs had lively times, but to their credit be it said, they performed their work splendidly. The Highlanders broke off once more, and Wright almost brought about the downfall of the visitors' goal, the keeper saving in miraculous fashion The Leicesters getting away on a combined run, forced the Highlanders to defend, and Hubbard getting into a good position, let drive at Mullen. The ball struck the crossbar, and from the rebound, Fieldhouse had no difficulty in opening the scoring, although he was severely winded in doing so. He was able to take his place, however, before the ball was kicked off. The Highlanders at once set about gaining the equaliser, and so well were they combining that it looked as if they would not have long to wait for it. The forwards received every assistance from the halfs, and only the brilliant defence of the visitors kept them at bay. Half time was called with the Leicesters leading by 1 goal to nil.

On resuming, the "Jocks" again attempted to level, and for a moment carried all before them. Fouls were numerous, the Leicesters being the principal offenders, and from one of these the Highlanders almost gained the equaliser, a

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shot from Quinn just grazing the upright. Again came the "Rories" with a determined attack, and on the visitors back handling the ball inside the sacred area, the referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty. Quinn was entrusted with the kick, and he equalised, amidst the wildest enthusiasm. The game being now level, both teams made a great effort to obtain the lead, and some really fine play was witnessed. The ball travelled rapidly from goal to goal, and the respective keepers had to look lively at times to avert disaster. The Leicesters got away on the right, and Smith passing to Denton, that player shot from six yards range, but Mullen brought off a marvellous save. From the return, Denton again got on, and scored the visitors' second point. Mullen had no chance to save, the goal being scored from two yards range. Nettled at this reverse, the "Jocks" came away in a body, but the visitors backs stuck to their work and returned the ball down the field. It was drawing near time now, and our men made one more attempt to draw level. Quinn getting a centre from Fleming, almost brought about the desired effect with a high shot, the keeper just getting his fingers on it and conceding a corner. The corner was well placed by Fleming, but eventually was sent past. The Leicesters now resorted to killing time, being satisfied with a one-goal lead. The Highlanders were now working like the proverbial niggers, but the visitors defence was not to be beaten, and time arrived with the Leicesters winners.

Result—Leicesters, 2 goals, 93rd Highlanders, 1 goal.

It was decidedly the best game of the tournament, and the Highlanders were unlucky to lose.

TEAMS.

93rd Highlanders—Goal, Private Mullen; Backs, Pte. Lapsley and Sgt. Markey; Halfs; Ptes. McMillan, Mowatt and McLean; Forwards; Pts. Fleming and Wright, Lce.-Cpls. Quinn and Montgomery and Pte. Donaldson.

Referee,—SGT. D'ARCY.

Sergeants' Mess Notes.

THE fifty-first anniversary of that memorable occasion, "the Battle of Balaclava," was celebrated in social fashion by the members of the mess. For days, aye, even weeks, preparations had been going forward, the Committee, at the head of whom was Sergeant Mahoney, sparing no effort to have the mess-rooms thoroughly ready for their guests, and when the night of the "glorious twenty-fifth" arrived, everyone seemed quite delighted with the appearance of the place. The catering, in the hands of Messrs. Merwanjee & Co., was not on the extensive scale of last year, but quite enough to satisfy the wants of the large assemblage.

Dancing commenced at 9-30 P.M. and was kept up until the early hours of the morning, the artistically got-up programme containing a sufficient number and variety of dances to satisfy the soul of the most enthusiastic tripper of the light fantastic toe.

With few exceptions the members of the mess, with their ladies, were all present, and the following also accepted invitations for the celebration:—Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Paterson; Captain and Mrs. Marshall; Captain and Mrs. Glasfurd; Captain and Mrs. Elphinston; Lieutenant and Mrs. Lundie; Officers, 93rd Highlanders; the Rev. Alan and Mrs. Cant; Major, Mrs. and Miss Webb; Captain, Mrs. and Miss Hobbs; Captain and Mrs. Venly; Captain and Mrs. Cody; Captain and Mrs. Wickham; Captain and Mrs. Harris; Members, Sergeants' Mess, 75th Battery R.F.A.; M. I. School, Wanowrie; School of Musketry, Satara; 2nd Bn. East Lancashire Regt. 1st Bn. Seaforth Highlanders; The Connaught Rangers; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dobson; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton; Mr. and Mrs. Ennis; Mr. and Mrs. Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Millar, and Mr. and Mrs Brimmell. Sir Alfred Gaselee wrote that he regretted he was unable to attend.

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Quite a number of changes in the personnel of the mess have occurred, and before the year is out it is expected that a good many of our older members will have departed from this shore—to "Blighty" of course. Of the increases, Sergeants Newall and Dougall are to be congratulated on their recent step in rank, the former receiving his in place of Sergeant Buchanan, who has been appointed Cook Sergeant of the Battalion; while Lance-Sergeants A. E. Smith and Scott are to be welcomed. Another arrival is Sergeant Bracken, who left the Ninety-third with the South African draft, and who returns to his old love on Kipling's principle of "when you've heard the east a-calling," I presume. Sergeant Kenneth Fraser has left us to take up employment in Quetta, and with him he carries the best wishes of his comrades for a successful career in his new life.

Sergeant "John" McInnes and "Jock" Bertram have left for the home establishment, and the latter's pawky humour will be greatly missed. Sergeant Edgar has been posted to the staff of the Royal Renfrewshire, while Lance-Sergeant Watt has proceeded home on furlough.

Colour-Sergeant Johnstone has, I understand, been posted, while at home on furlough, to the Cycle Company of the Dunbartons, and Colour-Sergeant F. W. Clarke is, with Colour-Sergeant Tyndall, under orders to proceed to the Dunbarton and Renfrew Volunteers respectively.

Sergeants J. McQueen and Ballantine have been selected for the Highland Borderers Staff and should leave on an early date.

Sergeant Sim, unfortunately, has been bitten by a dog, which afterwards died of rabies, and he proceeded without delay to the Pasteur Institute at Kasauli, and at the moment of writing I hear he is in no danger of bad results ensuing.

Colour-Sergeant Brash and Sergeant Ogg have returned from the last Musketry Class at Satara.

The fortnightly dances have been fairly well patronised lately, and the tennis court of an evening, particularly on the occasion of the weekly "At Home," looks quite gay. "THREE BAURS."

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Some Veterans of the Ninety-third.

Colour-Sergeant James Macdonald.

Enlisted at Stirling for the 97th Regiment in 1851, and was transferred to the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders three months afterwards to serve with an elder brother. The Veteran Colour-Sergeant, who is a native of Braemar, embarked with the Regiment for the Crimea, and took part in all the fighting of the campaign, forming one of the memorable Thin Red Line at Balaclava. He also took part in the Indian Mutiny and Umbeyla campaigns with the Regiment, and is in possession of the following medals—Crimean, Turkish, Indian Mutiny, Umbeyla and Good Conduct. He was appointed Lance-Corporal in the Crimea, Corporal in Dover after coming home and Lance-Sergeant at the Relief of Lucknow. Belonged to No. 2, or Captain Stewart's Company in the Crimea and Mutiny, the company that secured most of the loot at Lucknow, a circumstance that led to his having to climb the promotion ladder again. Was promoted Corporal for the second time in Sialkote in 1863 and Sergeant and Colour-Sergeant of "A" Company in Jhansi during the stay of the Regiment in that Station. He came home with the Battalion to Scotland in 1870, and left in 1872 from Edinburgh to join the Lanark Militia (3rd H.L.I.), with which Battalion he remainded until 1888 when he joined the Glasgow Corps of Commissionaires. With the latter Corps he remained for another fourteen years, only ceasing work in 1902. Except for a slight defect in hearing the gallant old veteran is still active and soldier-like, though now in his 73rd year. Colour-Sergeant Macdonald resides in Alma Street, Govan, the selection of a residence showing the veteran's partiality for the historic scenes amid which his youth was spent. His younger comrades of the 93rd will all join in wishing the gallant old Highlander many more years of life and prosperity.

Private Ronald Macdonald.

Enlisted Glasgow, 1851, during the occupation of the Gallowgate Barracks by the 93rd. Served with the Regiment for over twenty-one years, and was discharged with a pension of 1s.-1d. per diem. Embarked for the East with the 93rd, and served during the Crimean campaign, taking part in all the engagements in which the Regiment took part, including the "Thin Red Line." His company, commanded by Brevet-Major McGowan in that historic engagement, standing No. 5 He also took part in the Indian Mutiny and Umbeyla campaigns, is in possession of the following medals:—Crimea Turkish, Indian Mutiny and Umbeyla. Was wounded during the Indian Mutiny, receiving a bayonet wound in the thigh at the capture of Lucknow. Macdonald was transferred to the Grenadier company in 1855, then commanded by Captain Middleton, and served the remainder of his service with that company. The veteran Grenadier, who belongs to Moidart, Argyllshire, is now 73 years of age, and must have been a man of very good physique in his prime, and is still a fine looking old soldier. He is as erect as a poker, and would no doubt still be fit for work but for an accident which occurred some three years ago, when he fell and broke two ribs. Since then he has been incapacitated for work. During his career as a soldier Mr. Macdonald was employed as an officer's servant and messwaiter. He was servant for varying periods to Captain Maxwell Hyslop, Mr. B. S. Cunliffe and Mr. Hill. May the veteran Grenadier be long spared to be witness for the valour of the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders.

Private Daniel McLachlan.

Enlisted at Glasgow in November 1855, for the 92nd Gordon Highlanders, and transferred as a volunteer to the 93rd when the latter Regiment was ordered to China in 1857. Served with the 93rd from 1st January 1857 to date of discharge in 1877, and took part in the following Campaigns with the Regiment—Indian Mutiny Campaign 1857-58, and Umbeyla Campaign, 1863. Served with the regiment during the whole of its stay in India and was discharged in Dublin, 1877. Spent

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all his time in "B" Company until that Company went to form a Depôt company in 1872 when he was transferred to "C" company. McLachlan, who is a sturdy looking old Highlander, now in his 68th year, was servant to Quartermaster Brebber and latterly to Colonel Macbean, V. C., being servant to the latter when he became time-expired. McLachlan, who has splendid certificates of character from Colonels Macbean, Nightingale and S. E. Wood and Quartermaster Brebber, owing to lack of G.C. Badges, is only in receipt of 8d. per diem. Surely the time has now come when youthful indiscretions can be overlooked and the veteran receive an increase of pension! Since his discharge the veteran, whose place of nativity is Glasgow, has worked for twenty-seven years in the service of the North British Railway Company at Cowlairs. Owing to a nasty accident which deprived him of the sight of an eye, McLachlan has been incapacitated for work. He resides in St. James Road, Townhead, Glasgow, and though living entirely by himself is still a cheery old soldier. May he be long spared to us.

Frae the "T. A."

"Dear Mister Editur,"

As you micht likely see frae ma accent, a'm no muckle guid wi' the pen, but as a' wis seein' in the "Thin Yin" ye hae notes frae hame, frae the Sairgents' Mess an' a wheen o' ither places, so a' jist thocht I wad drap ye a line or twa frae the address ye see at the heid o' this.

Weel, I gaed in yae nicht an' drappit intae ma usual corner, when wha sud come in aifter me but that feckless loon they ca' "Tappit Tam," an' ma faith, bit he wis jist burstin' wi the latest "baur" (least weys that's whit he ca'd it) that he had heard frae a drafitie. It went like this. A sairgent, when he wis dae'in his week o' Orderly Sairgent, hid gone roon' his barrack room at the hauf-past nine roll ca', an' aifter tuckin' in the bed-claithes an' smoothin' doon pillows he wis leavin' fur his quarters, when a sma' still voice frae a bed ca'd out, "Sairgent! Sairgeant!" "Ay," he answered, "whit is it?" "Please, Sairgent, you forgot tae kiss me!" An sae that's the wey the're treatin' recruits at hame noo.

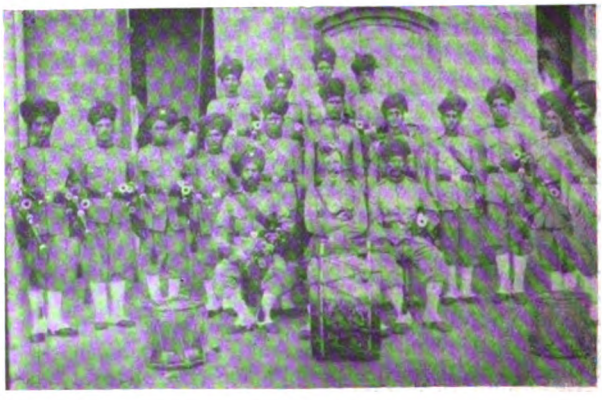
But hooever, Mister Editur, jist as we wur lauchin' at that, whit should we hear bit a yarn aboot us a' gaen tae "Sick-under-a-bed" or some ither place wi' an ootlandish name like that. A' think ma' sel we wud be a' gled o' a change onywey, tho' Poona's a' richt (when ye're in a worse place). Talkin' aboot "seekness" pits me in min' o' a story that's gaun roon about a Non-com. wha sent a chit fur "four pints of beer for an insane guard." I'd jist like tae ken whit wis the maiter wi' the folk they wur gairdin'.

By the hame papers a' see the Volunteers hae been reviewed by the King. Weel, talkin' aboot "fireside sojers" as they yist tae be ca'd, a' read a guid story the ither day aboot an affair that happint' in camp. A private sojer, like ma'sel, wha wis "gey gleg i' the uptak," bit gey weel-meanin' fur a' that, hid been gettin' an awfu' chokin' aff frae a Non-com. fur something or ither he din wrang, an' wis relievin' his feelins' tae his boozin' chum this wey: "What a' want tae ken is," he wis compleenin', "Am I a man or a dug?" "Of coorse, if I'm a dug.....weel, that's a richt, bit if I'm a man, weel!" an' then he stopped, sae whit he wid hae din tae himsel' if he found oot he was a man a' dinna ken at a'.

Sae, Mister Editur,, a' wull close noo, an' ony nicht ye're wantin' a bit crack tae pass the time, and hae a cup o' tea, jist drap in and ca' fur

Yer Correspondent,

"TAM THE BUNWALLAH."



PIPERS 82ND PUNJABIS, WITH PIPE MAJOR LYNCH, 93RD HIGHLANDERS.

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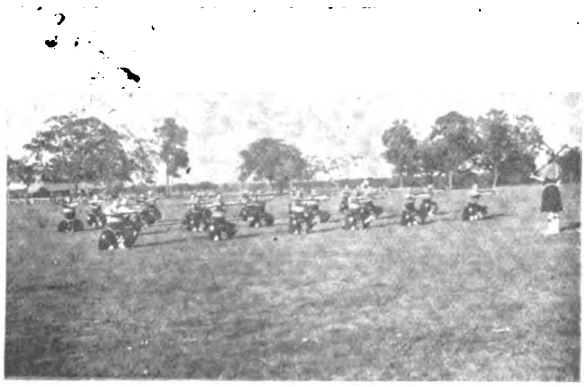
The Assault-at-Arms.

THE Thirty-sixth Annual Assault-at-arms opened on the General Parade Ground on Monday 9th, and continued until Saturday 14th October.

Most of the items shown on the programme to take place in the arena were not such as infantry "Tommies" generally take part in, so as far as the Ninety-third were concerned, interest was chiefly centered in the Gymnastic and Swordsmanship contests, and the last, but not least, herculean struggle, the tug-of-war, to follow.

While a proportion of the prizes are "open to all winners of events at previous recognised tournaments, another section of the events is reserved for N.C.O.'s and privates of all British regiments and Volunteer corps who have never won a similar event either in England or in India," so that the novice stands a chance as well as the expert, the object being, if possible, to encourage a spirit of training throughout a regiment. A roll of thirty names from each regiment competing of eligible N.C.O.'s and men, who had not previously won in these events, was submitted, and from these a certain number of names were drawn to compete in order that the general state of training of any regiment may be more correctly gauged. Among the events which attracted most competitors the bayonet contests appeared to be the favourite.



PHYSICAL DRILL COMPETITION, "E" COMPANY'S TEAM.

All our representatives gave excellent accounts of themselves, so much so, indeed, that Lance-Corporal Montgomery, "E" Company, had the high honour of being proclaimed "Best Man-at-arms" on conclusion of the meeting, and for this, we understand, he receives a valuable gold medal in addition to the many prizes he won during the tournament.

Unluckily, so far as the team contests are concerned, the Battalion representatives did not secure a first place, but in the Bayonet Combats, Mounted Infantry Competition, and the Light and Heavy Weight Tug-of-War Contests, they came out second each time.

An item of considerable interest, the Physical Drill Competition, was omitted from the meeting this year, so that compared with the exceptional brilliancy of last years's gathering, caused by the piping and dancing competitions, for which our Commanding Officer was mainly responsible, this year's function was a rather tame affair, to the Highlanders at any rate.

Nothing special occurred in the preliminary rounds of the tug-of-war, our two teams disposing of their opponents, leaving the light weights to meet the Royal Scots, and the heavy men their last year's opponents, the Connaught Rangers, in their respective finals. This meeting created a considerable amount of interest, as both teams were regarded as pretty nearly equal. The Connaughts, however, had an easy passage into the final, receiving a bye in the first round, and their opponents scratching in the second, so that they stepped on to the field thoroughly fresh, while our team had had to fight their way through both rounds. However, pluck goes a long way, and even their most prejudiced enemy could not but admit that it was hard luck on our team losing as they did. At the start, neither team had much advantage, but once our men got the Connaughts on the move they kept them going until they had them almost over and victory secure, then, alas! the tremendous strain began to tell, and no sooner had one of our team got into trouble than the next man, losing ground, fell over him, and that finished it, the Irishmen dragging the "anchor" over in a rather rough manner. Popular opinion has it that if the Ahmednagar team had been tested in the preliminary heats as the Ninety-third men were, the premier honour would have been ours; but as it didn't, we hope for revenge next year.

The pull between the Royal Scots and our lightweight team was also full of excitement, and in a pull lasting well over seven minutes our men made a gallant attempt to win. Their form in the previous contests having created a good opinion in their favour, it came as a surprise when the "bodyguard of Pontius Pilate" managed to get the last man over.

And so ended the meeting, and while we have to rest content with second place in the heavy competitions, the number of prizes obtained by our representatives individually is something worth being proud of.

Major-General Creagh, in presenting the prizes, congratulated the winners, more particularly Lance-Corporal Montgomery, on their various successes.

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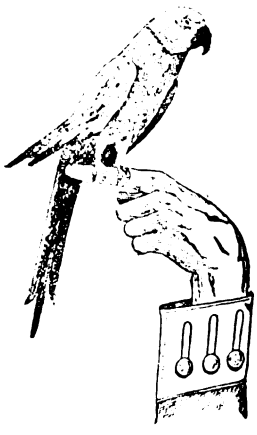
A list of the results affecting the Ninety-third follows:—

Bayonet v. Bayonet.—
1st—Lce.-Cpl. McGregor, "B" Company.
Bayonet v. Sword.—
1st—Sergeant C. Phemister, "F" Company.
3rd—Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery, "E" ,,
Bayonet v. Bayonet (Instructors).—
1st—Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery, "E" Company.
Foils.—
1st—Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery, "E" Company.
Gymnastics generally.—
1st—Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery, "E" Company.
2nd—Lce.-Sgt. Alder, "B" ,,
Bayonet Combats by Company Teams.—
1st—York & Lancs. Regt.
2nd—93rd Highlanders.
Best Man-at-Arms.—
Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery.
Tug-of-War, Light Weights.—
1st—Royal Scots. Cup and Rs. 100.
2nd—93rd Highlanders.
Tug-of-War, Heavy Weights.—
1st—The Connaught Rangers, Cup and Rs. 100.
2nd—93rd Highlanders.
Mounted Infantry Competitions.—
1st—The Bedford Regiment.
2nd—93rd Highlanders.
Bayonet Combat.—
1st—The Leicester Regiment.
2nd 93rd Highlanders.

What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT it hears the heavy tug-o'war team had hard lines.

That they got a harder passage than the winners.

That they hae ta'en oor twa fitba' cups, bit they canna' tak oor "long-range volleys."

That a hunner' roonds o' ammunition is nae joke on field training.

That it hears the efficiency test, is likely tae be deficient this year.

That it's no sorry onywey.
That the only kin' o' jam he could get wis marmalade.
That he evidently did'na come frae Tayside.
That he played the "uniform" in the Band.
That he got twa days, marchin' order at retreat in the mornin'.
That the Sergeants' Balaklava wis a graund affair.
That its heid wis sair for twa days efter.
That he wis lookin for a cat wi a tail on it.
That he wantit tae pit it in his topi.
That the draft hae arrived.
That there's a wheen o' the auld yins gaun awa'.
That it his muckle need o' them.
But it wishes them the best o' luck.

Cycling.

THE annual forty mile road race of the Poona Wheelers' Cycling Club took place on Sunday 1st October 1905, and as an attempt to break the previous record of 1 hour 57 minutes held by Private Rarity, Ninety-Third Highlanders, was anticipated, considerable interest in the event was occasioned. The race was an exciting one and it is gratifying to record that the first, second, third and sixth places were secured by Ninety-third men, while Lance-Corporal (Piper) J. Wright succeeded along with Lance-Corporal R. Carlyle, in breaking the record, the former's time being 1 hour, 53 minutes, 55 seconds, and the latter's 1 hour, 55 minutes. Lance-Corporal Wright's performance is a record for India and compares very favorably with the English Amateur Road record. Wright, who is a native of Doune, won several prizes at open meetings prior to his leaving Scotland to join the Ninety-First, and at present may be regarded as one of the fastest men in India.

The following account of the race is taken from a local newspaper:—

Both rode Path Racers, shod with Roadster tyres, for fear of being punctured. The morning was very windy and the roads were under repair. Private Drennan of the East Lancashires who was riding well, although he met with an accident at the sixteenth mile stone, continued his ride till he reached Talegaon. He was not able to return and Messrs. Pat Stewart and Whitburn who were following in a motor car brought him to Poona. The members and friends of the Club were all along the road to keep it clear. The following is the result:—

1 L-Cpl. R. Carlyle, 2 Pte. W. McPhee, 3 L-Cpl. J. Wright, 4 Mr. J. Merchant, 5 Mr. K. Patel, 6 Pte C. Gray.

Ten competed.

The Poona Wheelers held their breakfast and dinner at Sir D. M. Petit's Parsee Gymkhana and had a fine display of Bicycle Polo. In the evening before a splendid gathering, Mr. Iranie's team won the Bicycle Polo. At the conclusion and at the request of K. B. Meher Hosang Dastur, the President of the Club, Mrs. Navajbai Taliarkhan distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

A large gathering were present to witness the Sports in the evening and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all. Great credit is due to the Honorary Secretaries, Mr. R. B. Mody and D. M. Captain for the success of the meet and the thanks of the Wheelers are due to Mr. M. H Nicholson who generously came forward with some handsome prizes. A special extra silver medal from Mr. M. K. Nicholson was also presented to Piper Wright who holds the championship of India. The proceedings were brought to a successful conclusion with cheers for the winners.

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Hockey.

The Aga Khan Tournament.

93rd Highlanders v. East Lancashires.

The opening round in the above Tournament in the third year of its inauguration was played on the Gymkhana ground on the evening of the 16th October. It was gratifying to note that the entries this year were more favorable than the last, no less than ten teams having entered, five being local teams and six from out-stations. The teams entered this year are the Durhams, Connaught Rangers, Leicesters, a local team from East Kirkee, and the Poona Volunteer teams. The Y.M.C.A. and the Bishop's High School, who played in last year, have not entered this year. The Royal Scots, the winners of last year's Tournament, who defeated the Poona Gymkhana in the Final for the Cup, again came down and with their present team were determined to score another win this year. The weather was all that could be desired and notwithstanding the counter-attraction of the Harris Football Tournament, which also excites a good deal of interest, the game was watched by a fairly large crowd who followed the match with no small amount of interest.

On the teams taking the field, the East Lancs, dressed in their scarlet jerseys, defended the Gymkhana end of the ground while the Highlanders, in white, held the Council Hall end. The teams being set in action a few minutes before five, the "Jocks" cleared away with the ball to the Lancs country, but to be soon returned and play for a few minutes was confined in the former's 25. Pressure was soon relieved and the Highlanders, now with their forwards going at a good pace, looked threatening at times, and would have scored, but for the good defence of the Lancs. "Sticks" off the "Jocks" gave the Lancs. an opportunity of returning play to their opponents territory and play was next at midfield for a brief interval. Some up and down play next followed of which the Argylls had the best of the exchanges and the Lancs backs, who were playing a good game, returned the attacks of the Argylls. The latter soon found an opening and their right wing feeding the centre, a smart shot sent by one of the forwards found the net which was the first goal of the evening. Replayed from the centre the Lancs now meant business and the ball was nursed down by some clever dribbling. The Wanowrie men unfortunately for themselves took their opponents rather easily and soon settled down to return any attacks made by their opponents. The Lancs seemed at this period to have lost their places, as some efforts of their wing forwards to support their runs up the field, failed for lack of combination and good tackling of their opponents, who appeared quicker with their work on the ball. Up and down the ball travelled, the battle raging furiously at times in the Lancs 25 and again back to the Council Hall goal. The Lancs at this interval, put on a spurt and their forwards were now putting in some useful work. Both teams were trying hard to score. the Lancs using efforts to equalise while the Argylls were anxious to notch extra goals. The latter were pressing their opponents hard and play was in the Lancs country when half-time was called, the 93rd leading by one goal.

On exchanging sides the Highlanders were again quick on the ball and gave the Lancashires an anxious time of it, repeated attacks being made on the latters citadel, the shots for the net just going outside the posts. The Lancashires then renewed their efforts to have an opportunity at their opponents goal, but the Argylls' forwards, who were working well together, were not to be beaten and the exchanges were fast and the pace furious. A corner in favour of the "Jocks" brought them within an ace of scoring, but the Lancashires again cleared well. "Sticks" given against the Scotsmen, the ball was now worked down the centre by one of the forwards, who at this time being well supported, sent in a long easy shot which found the net. With a goal to the credit of each side, the pace continued fast and the game exciting. The Argylls with a determined effort had their opponents work cut out and for some time, hard pressed them near the goal posts where some scrimmages followed, the Lancashires taking the ball away after a desperate encounter. With the ball worked out of the scrimmage the Lancashires forwards took up the running, their wings feeding the centre and after some careful play managed to centre and drove home another goal which made the second for their side. This brought the Argyll's blood to fever pitch, and their team now worked as hard as Trojans. Up and down at midfield and at intervals before the goal posts on both sides the ball was occasionally planted but resulted in no advantage to either side. After a short interval of play in the Lancashires' 25 the latter again worked up and returned the ball to the Highlanders' end, and put, within a few minutes before the call of time, a shot for goal which went wide of the goal posts. The ball was returned to midfield, when the referee's whistle called time, the score leaving the "Lillie-white" winners by 2 goals to 1. The Argylls in both halfs of the match played a better game and their failure to settle the verdict in their favor was the result of taking their opponents too easy, who in the second decade showed better form and turned the tables against them.

East Lancashires ... ... 2 goals.
Ninety-third ... ... 1 goal.

Teams—Ninety-Third Highlanders.

Goal, Pte. Mowatt; Backs, Lce.-Cpl. Eite and 2nd Lieut. A. C. Gilmour: Half-Backs, Pte. Berry, 2nd Lieut. D. M. Porteous and Lieut. The Hon R. Bruce; Forwards, Lieut. Kennedy, Fowles, Lieuts. Kennedy, Oakes and James.

East Lancashires.

Goal, Wilson; Backs, Carr and Johnson; Half-Backs, Cuttle, Hobberty and Long; Forwards, Grayson, Wardlow, Gough, Cotton and Smallwood.

A Guardsman the other day was discussing politics in a public-house in the Edgware Road with two seedy Hyde Park orators.

"Tell us," they asked him, "if one day the down-trodden British workman were to revolt, would you fire on him?"

"Never!"

"You're one of the right sort. You must have a drink with us. Three pints, please."

After they had drunk the soldier's health, one of them casually asked, "How many men like yourself can we count on in your barracks?"

"All the band. They will all act as myself. I play the big drum, you know," the Guardsman quietly remarked as he finished the contents of the glass.

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Home and Depot Notes.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch*, writing of the appearance of the different Volunteer representatives at the recent Royal Review, affirms that the celebrated "London Scottish" were not a whit behind their Liverpool "Brithers;" only being numerically inferior, they did not shew to the same advantage. An instructor of the London Scots, told our representative rather a good story illustrating the keenness of some of the "1881" Review Veterans. Prior to their departure from the Metropolis, about ten of them were hastily garbed in corps dress, and received equipment, but on arrival in Edinburgh it was found that the "auld yins" could not slope arms. This really ought not to have occasioned quite so much surprise as it did, considering that some of the veterans had not been on parade for over twenty years. However, to remedy this defect they were speedily turned out and received a few lessons in the handling of arms, and at the Review they acquitted themselves as tried veterans and marched and doubled with all the spirit of their younger comrades.

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In continuation of the article on the Royal Review which appeared in the October issue of the "Thin Red Line," the author of that interesting summary writes as follows:—

The Ballachulish Company of the 5th (Argyll) Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, had the distinction of being specially noticed by nearly all the Edinburgh and Scottish papers who had reporters watching the arrival of the various corps at the stations. No one who has seen this splendid company could fail to be struck by the splendid physique of the men. And they are all true Highlanders. While in Ballachulish recently I stayed for a day with Sergeant-Instructor Campbell, who will be well remembered still in the battalion as an old "Rory." He showed me the roll of his company and the names were sufficient to turn the Commanding Officer of any Highland regiment green with envy. Out of a company over 100 strong all but half a dozen or so belonged to either the clans Cameron, Macdonald or McInnes. Sergeant-Instructor Campbell has naturally a vast pride in his splendid company. His drill-hall and armoury are worthy of the company he instructs, and are the best of their kind for a single company that we have yet seen. The writer takes this opportunity of acknowledging the true Ninety-third hospitality accorded him by Sergeant-Instructor Campbell and his kindly spouse.

While in Inverness recently I dropped across another old Rory—Sergeant-Major Wynne of "Lovat's Scouts," well known to most readers as Sergeant-Major of the 8th Provisional Battalion which, during the South African War, was composed of details of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and Royal Scots.

By Sergeant-Major Wynne I was initiated into the organisation and training of the famous "Scouts." From the description given of the hardiness and enthusiasm of the Scouts by the equally enthusiastic Sergeant-Major, I should imagine that Lord Lovat must command a force which will prove a very valuable acquisition to the defenders of Britain should the necessity for its services arise. The headquarters of the corps are at Beauly, near which is Beaufort Castle, the family residence of Lord Lovat. To Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Wynne I was also indebted for a full measure of hospitality.

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On Saturday evening, 7th October, Sergt.-Major Cathie, 5th A. and S. H., died at his residence, Drill Hall, Dunoon, from the results of an accident. It appears that on Thursday deceased was removing some ammunition from the loft at the Drill Hall, when the ladder he was descending slipped, and he fell to the ground, sustaining severe internal injuries and fracturing some ribs. Little hope was entertained of his recovery, and he passed away about four o'clock. Deceased, who leaves a widow and three of a family, had seen much active service.

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There will shortly be erected in Paisley Abbey a tribute to the memory of the non-commissioned officers and men of the 4th A. and S. H. (Paisley Militia), who fell in the late South African campaign. It will take the form of a huge mural tablet, 12 feet high by 8 broad, and at the top will be the colours of the regiment and the national flag, while underneath will be inscribed the names of the dead non-commisoned officers and men.

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The memorial, which is estimated to cost between £400 and £500, has been provided by subscription amongst the officers of the battalion, and it is expected that the unveiling ceremony will take place there on the 20th of this month.

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The subscriptions for the Queen Victoria School and Memorial to Scottish Sailors and Soldiers, which is to be erected at Dunblane, now amount to a sum of £43,267 18s. 2d. The amount required is £50,000.

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Scottish Militia Challenge Cup.

THE result of the first annual competition for the Scottish Militia Challenge Cup has resulted in a splendid victory for the 4th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Paisley). In all nine teams competed, and the conditions were as follows:—Eight men of any rank (Permanent Staff debarred) to fire at Regulation targets at 200, 300, and 500, yards, seven rounds at each range, no sighting shot, no preliminary practice on the day of the match, and the contest to take place during the training of the various Corps.

The Cup, a very large and handsome one, has been received by the Officer Commanding 4th A & S. Highlanders, and is now on view amongst other silver cups and trophies in the Sergeants Mess of the 4th Battalion at Paisley.

The winning of the cup in the first year of its institution by this fine Militia Battalion of the A. and S. Highlanders is a matter for cordial congratulation, and we are glad to note that it is following the example of the line battalions in "leading the way." It is certainly striking to observe that the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have had the honour of winning a great many important trophies in the first year of institution, such as the Army Football Cup, Murree Football Cup. Lucknow Cup, etc.

Colonel Campbell is to be congratulated on the splendid performance of his team, which should enhance the estimation in which his fine battalion is held by all who have ever come in contact with it. A word of praise is due to Sergeant-Major Robertson who so ably coached the team to victory. Appended are the various scores in the competition :—

Corps.	Score.
1st (the Cup and £10)—4th Bn. Argyll... and Sutherland Highlanders.....	585
2nd (£8)—3rd Bn. Black Watch.....	551
Other Scores :—	
3rd—3rd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders.....	543
4th—3rd Bn. Royal Scots.....	537
5th—3rd Bn. Scottish Rifles.....	537
6th—3rd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers.....	523
7th—3rd Bn. Cameron Highlanders	517
8th—3rd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers.....	504
9th—4th Bn. Scottish Rifles.....	502

ANOTHER FOR PAT.—Several tailors of the 93rd and 27th nightly met in the canteen at Aldershot, and on this occasion a discussion took place on the fitting of a suit of clothes. McLeod turns to McSperrit, of the 27th, and says "Mon, show me the mon going round that hut I cudna fit." "By J—," says McSperrit, "show me the hut he went round, and I'll fit him."

Shooting Match at Patterton.

RENFREWSHIRE STAFF COUNTY MATCH.

The third annual contest for teams of six men representing the permanent staff and staff sergeants of the Renfrewshire battalions —Greenock, Paisley, and Pollokshaws, was fired off on Thursday, 7th September. The match, which takes place alternately on the ranges of the three battalions, took place this year on the range of the 3rd Battalion at Patterton, and resulted in a win for the Greenock Battalion. The conditions were :—Seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards with one sighter at each distance. The scoring, owing to the heavy showers and stormy weather that prevailed, was much below the average. As an outing however the event was voted by everyone a huge success.

Prior to the commencement of shooting, lunch was served in the Pavilion to about sixty competitors and guests. The catering, which was admirable, was in the hands of Mr. Sloan of the Argyll Arcade Cafe; his assistants, who were untiring in their efforts to disseminate comfort all round, including Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Maxwell, the better-halves of the popular Staff of the Pollokshaws Battalion. Tea was also served there at the finish of the match, after which the result of the shoot was announced by Sergeant-Major Beattie. He expressed on behalf of himself and his team the pleasure they had derived from the outing and hoped that the cordial feeling which existed between the staffs of the three battalions would long continue. Sergeant-Major Wright suitably responded for the winning team and was ably backed up by Quartermaster-Sergeant Park of the 1st Renfrew. Quartermaster-Sergeant Campbell, 2nd Renfrew, in the unavoidable absence of Sergeant-Major Mitchell, also made a few remarks on the hospitality extended to them by the Pollokshaws Battalion. Mr. Corson, better known to all Military readers as "Forage Cap" of the Glasgow Evening News, followed with an eloquent and appreciative speech on the good spirit and comradeship which existed amongst the Renfrewshire Battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He also enlarged on the subject of the popularity of the 93rd to which the Volunteer Battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders are affiliated, and loaded your correspondent with messages of "good luck" and "great regard" for the boys at Poona, on learning that he was at present on furlough from the Regiment, messages which were endorsed by Sergeant-Major Beattie and the company in general. The Pipe-Major of the 3rd V. B. was present and gave pleasure by his playing of dance and other selections on the pipes.

The spirit of "Jolly good Company" which pervaded the assembly was kept up to the end, and the kindly hosts, Sergeant-Major Beattie and his Staff, are to be congratulated on the great success of their efforts.

Following are the three principal scores of each Battalion and the Team Scores :—

	Points.
1st Renfrew, Greenock :— ...	457
Colour-Sergeant Instr. Irvine ...	83
do. Watson ...	81
do. Wight ...	79
3rd Renfrew, Pollokshaws ..	423
Ord.-Room Sergeant Halliday ...	88
Colour- Sergt. Instr. Swan ...	73
Sergeant-Major Beattie ...	70
2nd Renfrew, Paisley ...	416
Colour-Sergt. Instr. Souter ...	79
do. A. Goudie ...	76
Sergt.-Instr. Musketry Lee ...	73

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Another Indian Yarn.

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An official of the Indian Civil Service, who vouches absolutely for the truth of his description of the startling phenomena he witnessed, tells a remarkable story of Indian mesmerism. The performer was a Brahmin of about forty years of age, accompanied by a native boy of twelve years. The fakir mesmerised the boy, and then placed him squattting cross-legged on a cushion which rested on a tripod consisting of three stout sticks crossed and tied together. His extended hands rested on two longer sticks, not embedded at all but standing on the ground, one on each side of him. The performer then took away one by one the three sticks forming the tripod, leaving the boy squatting in the air on the cushion with his outstretched hands still resting on the two side sticks. One of these was then removed, and the onlookers examined closely the boy sitting in the air with one hand outstretched on one stick, but could detect no fraud. Then the most startling thing of all happened: the fakir took away the remaining stick, and left the boy, entirely unsupported, in the air. Twice this performance was repeated, and on one occasion a photograph was taken of the boy squatting in the air with one hand outstretched on the top of one stick. The camera could not have been mesmerised. What is the explanation?

The usual explanation is that the audience has been hypnotised. In this case that explanation will not fit. It is a pity the performance could not be given before a committee of scientific men. But all such phenomena seem to shrink from the cold, clear light of scientific investigation. If there is any unknown natural force which can be thus utilised it would be a public benefit to have the nature of it made known.

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Major Fullarton, Ayr, who served for nearly a quarter of a century in the old 93rd Highlanders, and was with the regiment throughout the Indian Mutiny, has been the representative of the Fullartons of that ilk for some years.

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The Black Watch were granted the distinction of wearing the red hackle in their bonnets in recognition of their gallantry at Guildermaisen in 1795.

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What is the difference between an English soldier and a Russian soldier?

The one is a "Tommy Atkins" and the other is a "Kurop-atkins."

Ninety-Third Calendar for December, 1905.

1	F.	
2	S.	
3	S.	March Sialkote to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Karnal.
4	M.	All detachments in Cholera Camp rejoined headquarters at Hattee, near Cambellpore, 1862.
5	Th.	
6	W.	Defeat of the Gwalior Contingent at Cawnpore, 1857.
7	Th.	Hattee for Sialkote, 1862.
8	F.	Pursuit of the rebels on Bithor Road by Sir Hope Grant, 1857.
9	S.	Rebels dispersed at Serai Ghat, 1857. Joined force of Sir N. Chamberlain in camp at the Umbeyla Pass, 1863.
10	S.	Lieut.-General Edward Parkinson, C.B., Colonel, 1852. March to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Delhi. Lieut.-General Sir Henry William Stisted, K.C.B., died Colonel, 1875.
11	M.	Lieut.-General Freeman Murray, Colonel 1875, Disaster to the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, 1899; Lieutenant Colonel J. L. J. Goff and Major Sidney Robinson, formerly 93rd, killed at the head of the Ninety-first.
12	Tu.	Martini-Henry rifles issued, 1874.
13	W.	Tochi Campaign. Return of Maizar Column to Boya, 1897.
14	Th.	Arrived detachments, Barbadoes, 1823.
15	F.	Left Wing, Shahjahanpur, for Bareilly, 1898. Lord Kitchener's Efficiency test 1904. Battalion (strength 786 all ranks) marched to Maranji.
16	S.	
17	S.	Arrived Barbadoes, 1823. Returned from Efficiency test, 1904.
18	M.	
19	Tu.	
20	W.	Lieut.-Colonel S. Leith-Hay, C.B., retired 1860. Left-Wing arrived Bareilly from Shahjahanpur, 1898.
21	Th.	Arrived Barbadoes, 1823. Robert Lockhart Ross, C.B., Colonel, 1860.
22	F.	
23	S.	Bivouac near New Orleans, attacked in force by Americans, who were repulsed, 1814.
24	S.	2nd Battalion, 93rd, disbanded, Sunderland, 1815.
25	M.	Disembarked at Karachi from England 1891.
26	Tu.	Lieut.-Colonel H. Milling retired, 1822 (never joined). Hon. Sir Charles Gordon, Kt., to command, 1822.
27	W.	Jhansi for Cawnpore *en route* to England, 1869, strength, 21 officers, 449 N.C.O's. and men.
28	Th.	First unsuccessful attack on New Orleans, 1814; New Pattern bayonet issued, 1877, 4½ inches longer than formerly.
29	F.	March to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Agra.
30	S.	Arrived Sialkote from Cholera Camp, Peshawar, 1862. This cholera epidemic resulted in 93 deaths.
31	S.	Shooting Shield won by "E" Company, 1904.

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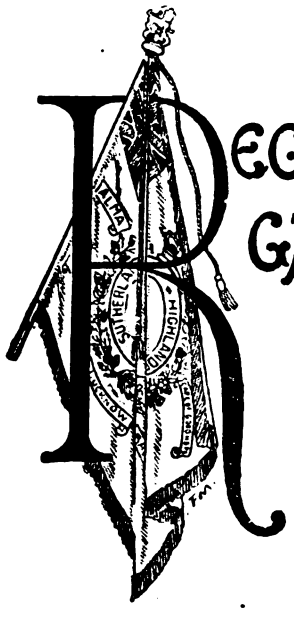

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sub-Conductor:—

Sergeant E. J. Wallace, Public Works Department (Unattached List) dated 1st April 1905.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Provisional Lance Sergeant:—

No. 6851 Corporal E. Brett, "C" Coy., dated 23rd October.

To be Pay Sergeant:—
No. 3079 Sergeant A. A. Wallace, "B" Coy., dated 1st November.

To be Musketry Instructor:—
No. 3885 Sergeant E. Mahoney, "C" Coy.

To be paid Lance Corporal:—
No. 4619 Lance Corporal W. McKinnon, "G" Coy., dated 6th October.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals:—
No. 5944 Pte. D. Halley "H" Coy., while employed as School Assistant.
No. 5135 Pte. H. Turnbull, "F" Coy., while employed on Regimental Police.
No. 7432 Pte. A. Millar, "D" Coy., while employed in the Gymnasium.
No. 7220 Pte. W. Harrison, "G" Coy., while employed in Telegraph Office.
No. 7755 Pte. A. Millar, "G" Coy., while in charge of Hospital orderlies.

To be Acting Pipers:—
No. 4207 Pte. R. Nicolson, "G" Coy., dated 10th October.
No. 7507 Pte. A. Kean, "A" Coy., dated 10th October

To be Acting Bandsman:—
No. 5577 Pte. J. Deloughery, "G" Coy., dated 9th October.

To be Regimental Signallers:—
No. 5410 Pte. H. Bartholomew, "B" Coy.
,, 6768 ,, A. Peebles, "E" ,,

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.
No. 7725, Private J. Cullen.
"B" Company.
No. 7701 Private J. Gray.
"C" Company
No. 5308 Private Howe.
"D" Company.
No. 7689 Pte. J. Clarke. | No. 7704 Pte. T. Jack.
,, 7710 ,, J. Jack. | ,, 6063 ,, H. Munro.
No. 7726 Pte. N. O'Hare.
"E" Company.
No. 7723 Private J. McCarthy.
"F" Company.
No. 7731 Bds. A. Robertson | No. 7708 Pte. G. Smith.
"H" Company.
No. 7703 L. Cpl. D. Stirling | No. 7724 Pte. J. Bond.
No. 7716 Private T. Pledger.

Class I at Sixpence:—

"A" Company.
No. 7768 Private J. McMillan.
"C" Company.
No. 8064 Pte. D. Brash. | No 7956 Pte. J. Stewart.
No. 7061 Pte. J. McIlveen.
"D" Company.
No. 6463 Pte. J. McKenna.
"E" Company
No. 9175 Pte. H. Bridges. | No. 7595 Pte. A. McGill.
"F" Company.
No. 8157 Pte. L. A. Planner | No. 9281 Pte. J. Watt.
"H" Company.
No. 7738 Private A. McInnes.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted Two Badges.

"B" Company.
No. 7486 Pte. R. Snowden. | No. 7701 Pte. J. Gray.
"F" Company.
No. 7708 Pte. G. Smith. No. 7731 Bds. A. Robertson.
"H" Company.
No. 7703 L. Cpl. D. Stirling. | No. 7716 Pte. T. Pledger.
,, 7724 Pte. J. Bond. | ,, 7711 ,, J. McDougall.

Granted one Badge.

"A" Company.
No. 9285 Pte. J. Clark. | No. 5060 Pte. R. Kelly.
"C" Company.
No. 9297 Pte. W. Breslin. | No. 5308 Pte. T. Lowe.
"D" Company.
No. 7737 Pte. J. Milree. | No. 6063 Pte. H. Munro.
"E" Company.
No. 6810 Private J. Meek.
"F" Company.
No. 7740 Pte. A. Wade. | No. 9288 Pte. J. Nelson.
No. 9289 Pte. J. McFadden.
"H" Company.
No. 9281 Pte D. Tait. | No. 8420 Pte. J. Finlay.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted Cooking Certificate (special) dated 30th September, 1905.

No. 9711 Lce. Cpl. T. Forrest, "A" Company.

Awarded Certificates of Education:—
No. 7464 Pte. J. Paul, "G" Coy., second class.
,, 8195 Lce. Cpl. J. Laird, "B" Coy., third class.

Professional Examination for Promotion:—

No. 5620 Corporal E. F. Ellis, "C" Company.
,, 7501 ,, J. McKinlay, "C" ,,
,, 5390 ,, A. Stewart, "F" ,,
,, 5117 Lce. Cpl. S. McVea, "C" ,,
,, 7226 ,, J. Downs, "C" ,,
,, 4531 ,, C. Armour, "A" ,,

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years service.
No. 4635 Lce. Cpl. G. Clarkson, "E" Company.
,, 4812 Private P. Mudie, "E" ,,

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Extended to complete 12 years service.

No. 6440 Corporal E. McElroy, "E" Company.

Extended to complete 8 years service:—

No. 9281 Private J. Watt, "F" Company.
,, 9175 ,, H. Bridges, "E" ,,

TAKEN ON THE STRENGTH OF THE BATTALION.

The following N.C.Os. and men having arrived form England are taken on the strength from 30th October.

"A" Company.

No. 6668 Pte. R. Stronner	No. 8102 Pte. C. Robertson
No. 9459 Boy H. Martin.	

"C" Company

No. 4417 Pte. J. Riddell	No. 8102 Pte. D. Smith
,, 9528 ,, G. Lawson	,, 9330 ,, J. Brennan
,, 9476 ,, J. McIntyre	,, 9546 ,, Conkey
,, 9589 ,, A. McCaskill	,, 9638 Boy R. Hunter

"E" Company

No. 9157 Pte. A. McKay	No. 9553 Pte. W. McLeod.
,, 9640 ,, R. Weir	,, 8956 ,, R. Bell
,, 9334 ,, H. Bowles	,, 9587 ,, W. Maxwell
,, 9648 ,, J. McCurdie	,, 9480 ,, A. Smith
,, 9599 ,, J. Falconer	,, 9672 ,, T. Hilligan
,, 9639 Boy W. Steedman	,, 9670 Boy D. Stevenson

"F" Company

No. 5963 Corporal M. Inglis.

No. 9215 Pte. W. Park	No. 9676 Pte. A. McLeod
,, 9598 ,, A. Nicol	,, 8337 ,, J. J. McCann.
,, 9335 ,, J. Hutchison	,, 9590 ,, C. McGillivray
,, 9550 ,, J. Mitchell	,, 8322 ,, E. McKechnie
,, 9508 ,, J. Tunstall	,, 9622 ,, D. McCurdie
,, 9659 Boy J. Caldwell	,, 9647 Boy D. McCuaig

"G" Company

No. 8890 Pte. R. Cunningham	No. 9451 Pte. J. Simpson
,, 9240 ,, C. White	,, 9571 ,, A. Craig.
,, 9470 ,, G. W. Shaw	,, 9588 ,, R. Baird
No. 9669 Boy T. Thorburn.	

"H" Company

No. 5645 Sergeant H. Bracken

No. 9290 Pte. W. Stirling	No. 9581 Pte. W. Braithwaite
,, 9614 ,, J. Scott	,, 9681 ,, A. McCuaig
,, 9692 ,, D. Gibb	,, 9709 ,, G. Jack.
,, 9557 ,, A. C. Robertson	,, 9680 ,, P. McCann.
,, 7749 ,, G Calandar	,, 9475 ,, J. Struthers
,, 9597 ,, A Ross	,, 9635 ,, D. Forest
,, 9685 ,, T. Leishman	,, 9695 ,, J. Broadhurst
,, 8880 ,, W. Meighan	,, 9685 ,, J. Henderson
,, 9620 ,, J. McRae	,, 9022 ,, T. Mackin.
,, 9545 ,, J. Debourgh	,, 9593 ,, T. Quinn
,, 9661 ,, D. Todd	,, 9667 ,, J. Brown
,, 9683 ,, J. Blaikie	,, 9702 ,, T. McKee
,, 9142 ,, F. J. Lennon	,, 9600 ,, W. McVey
,, 9644 Boy W. Lawrie	,, 9665 Boy W. J. Corbett

Transferred from 1st Seaforth Highlanders.

Private A. Bain, from 1st October, posted to "A" Coy.

Transferred from 1st Highland L.I.

Pte, A. Kelly, from 14th October, posted to "A" Coy.

Taken on the married establishment.

Catherine, wife of No. 5645, Sergeant H. Bracken, "H" Coy.

Elizabeth Ferguson, wife of No. 5963, Corporal M. Inglis, "F" Coy.

Dorothy Elizabeth, daughter of No. 7564, Pioneer Sergeant J. H. Snowden, "G" Coy.

STRUCK OFF THE STRENGTH.

On termination of first period of engagement.

No. 4832, Private P. Bradley, "G" Coy., from 15th September.
,, 4879, ,, R. Baillie, "D" Coy., from 16th October.

Sailed for England in H. T. "Assaye" on the 6th October. For Discharge.

No.	Coy.	No.	Coy.
4770 Pte. J. Collins,	"D"	4780 Pte. J. Sheridon,	"A"
4793 ,, T. Harrison,	"B"	4600 ,, A. Burk,	"H"
4838 ,, J. Halford,	"H"	4923 ,, H. McTaggart,	"H"
4784 ,, P. Gibson.	"C"	4876 ,, W. Malcolm,	"F"
3683 ,, A. Blackley,	"F"	4906 ,, T. Craig,	"C"
4784 ,, W. Strachan,	"H"	4792 ,, G. Cunningham,	"G"

For Transfer to Army Reserve.

No.	Coy.	No.	Coy.
4441 Pte. J. Diamond,	"E"	5546 Pte. J. McLachlan,	"H"
6806 ,, J. Murray,	"A"	5345 ,, R. Wylie,	"D"
6404 ,, P. Kelly,	"D"	6419 ,, A. Caskie,	"F"
6569 ,, J. Riggans,	"E"	6547 ,, J. McDonald,	"C"
6688 ,, W. Pollock,	"F"	6696 ,, T. Chapman,	"F"
6257 Pte. L. C. A. Hogg,	"F"	6251 Pte. P. Beck,	"H"
6259 ,, A. Auchinvole,	"F"	6392 ,, J. Sutherland,	"H"
5980 ,, P. Farrell,	"A"	6519 ,, J. Johnston,	"G"
6328 ,, J. Manson,	"G"	6342 ,, W. Williamson,	"G"

No. 6315 Pte. A. Oliver, "F" Coy.

Invalids.

No.	Coy.	No.	Coy.
2638 Pte. J. Kerr,	"E"	5116 Pte. A. McDonald,	"D"
7407 ,, W. Fyffe,	"H"	7655 ,, H. Bell,	"G"
7951 ,, J. McIndewar,	"C"	8336 ,, J. Welsh,	"E"
8412 ,, P. Ferguson,	"F"	7512 ,, J. McCalmont,	"A"

Sailed for England in H. T. "Sicilia" on 24th October.

Transfer to Home Establishment.

No.	Coy.	No.	Coy.
4069 Sergt. J. Edgar,	"H"	6202 Sergt. J. McInnes,	"B"
2922 L/Sgt. J. Bertram,	"F"	5838 Corpl. C. Fraser,	"F"
4643 L/C. McGuire,	"H"	4380 Pte. T. Cameron,	"H"
4593 Pte. E. McAulay,	"G"	4663 ,, W. Glass,	"B"
4667 ,, D. Gibson,	"J"	4696 ,, B. Harris.	"B"
4698 ,, J. McIntyre,	"H"	5225 ,, W. Hastie,	"A"

No. 3327 Pte. W. Powell, "G" Coy.

Transfer to Army Reserve.

No.	Coy.	No.	Coy.
4573 Pte. G. Murphy,	"G"	5359 Pte. W. Glen,	"E"
6357 ,, G. McMillan,	"G"	6381 ,, W. Hewitt,	"C"

For discharge.

No.	Coy.	No.	Coy.
3927 Pte. W. Walker,	"G"	4935 Pte. J. Lillie,	"A"

No. 4940 Pte. J. Kerr, "G" Coy.

NUMBERS ALLOTTED.

Pte. W. R. Faulds, "G" Coy., allotted No. 9908.

FURLOUGHS.

The following N.C.Os. and men are granted furloughs:—

No. 6325 Sgt. K. Fraser, "A" Coy. 7th October to 31st October.
No. 6182 Lce.-Sgt. A. Watt, "B" Coy., } To England.
,, 2035 Bds. E. Chidley, "D" ,, }
,, 9711 Lce.-Cpl. T. Forrest, "A" Coy., 18th October to 12th November.
No. 5164 Lce.-Cpl. C. Lewington, "E" Coy., 1st November to 31st December.
No. 7911 Pte. T. Reilly, "A" Coy., 30th October to 30th November.
No. 9382 Pte. J. McDonald "G" Coy., 1st November to 30th November.

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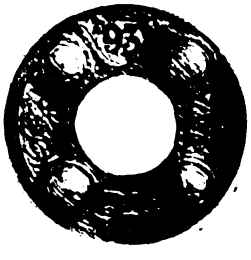
Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

SNOWDON:—At Rangoon, on the 5th September 1905, to the wife of Pioneer Sergeant J.H. Snowdon, Ordnance Department (Ninety-third Highlanders), a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth.

DEATH.

BRACKEN.—On board the H. T. "Plassey" on the 22nd October 1905, Netta Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. H. Bracken, Ninety-third Highlanders.



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SKIRLS

With this issue, the Editor has much pleasure in presenting to his readers a reproduction of the photograph sent by Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, the patroness of our Regiment, for publication in *The Thin Red Line*.

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The half-battalion, consisting of "A," "C," "G," and "H" Companies, under Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., proceeded on the 8th November to form a field firing camp near Alandi on the Indrayani River about fifteen miles from Poona. It was originally intended that the other four companies should succeed the first half, but owing to the near approach of a native fair, usually held at Alandi, and the danger of the pilgrims crossing the ground while firing was going on, the camp had to be abandoned, the troops returning on the following Wednesday.

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The fifteenth Annual Report of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association, Edinburgh, has reached us, and in spite of the many "brevet" ranks and anterior promotions which appear on the front page, makes interesting reading. The amount disbursed during the past year to distressed members represents a a large portion of the income of the association, and the fact that the Secretary and Treasurer both give their services gratuitously speaks volumes for the enthusiasm which they have for the Association. In the Report we notice the death of Mr. T. McDougall, a "Thin Red Line" veteran who enlisted into the Ninety-Third so far back as 1837 and is said to have been seriously wounded in the Crimea. We wish the association every success in their work, the secretary being Mr. William Mitchell, 26 Middle Arthur Place, Edinburgh, to whom applications for membership should be addressed.

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In a letter received some time ago from Bandmaster W. G. Hall, West African Frontier Force, whom most of our readers will recognise as our former Band-Sergeant, we are glad to see that he is in England enjoying a well earned rest. He tells us that the "Thin Yin" is much appreciated in and around Lagos, and quite a number of his friends look forward to its arrival. We hope his sojourn in "Blighty" will prove recuperative after the trying climate of West Africa.

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The announcement that His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Minto, G.C.M.G., had assumed office as Viceroy in place of Lord Curzon was made to the Poona Garrison on Monday, 20th October 1905. The Ninety-Third, under Lieutenant Colonel Paterson, paraded at 8-15 a.m. in review order and marched to the general parade ground, where they joined the remainder of the infantry of the sixth Division and were formed up in line of quarter columns facing the flag staff. Major General Richardson, C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E., commanding the Divisional Forces arrived at 9 a.m. and on the Proclamation being read and a salute of 31 guns fired, the troops marched back to barracks. 2nd Lieutenants R. G. Maclaine and A. C. Gilmour carried the Colours.

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The weather during November has been exceedingly pleasant—not too warm during the day, the thermometer seldom touching 90, while during the night it has been very cool. A little rain, however, has fallen, being the latest recorded for a number of years. In anticipation of the forthcoming manœuvres and the nights becoming colder an extra blanket has been issued all round.

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Notwithstanding the stories one hears of the large supply of nine year's men available for India, the Government has authorised a bounty of Rupees 225 to men due to go home this trooping season who will extend their service to complete 12 years with the Colours *in India*. Although the conditions appear very favourable only eight have as yet thought fit to accept the reward.

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The Musketry season of the Battalion will probably finish earlier this year than previously, the second last Company, ("B" under Captain Tweedie) having just concluded, leaving "H" Company yet to be exercised. In our Musketry Page will be found the results of "C" Company, Band and Signallers, and "B" Company's Annual Course.

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In the September examination for Commissions in the Regular Forces open to Militia Officers, the names of second Lieutenants G. F. Bowes-Lyon and J. C. Brickman, both of the 4th Battalion, appear as successful competitors.

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From the report of the annual meeting of the Argyll and Sutherland Memorial Home Committee it appears that the lease of the present premises expires in May next, and the Committee are endeavouring to come to terms with the War Office for a permanent site near the barracks. We hope they will be successful and the conduct of the home continue uninterruptedly.

The official announcement of the forthcoming manœuvres has at last been made, and it looks as if they were to be on a larger scale than the 1904 manœuvres. This Battalion has been relegated to the Poona or Red Force which will fight against the Ahmednagar or White Force. The operations commence on the 11th December and continue till the 21st, while the Division to which we belong will be commanded by Colonel Montgomery-Campbell, R.F.A.

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Second Lieutenant H. B. Hartley was granted an Instructor's Signalling Certificate at the recent Poona examination.

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The Inspection of the Books and Barracks of the Battalion was fixed for 24th instant, but at the last moment had to be postponed owing to the inspecting officer—Major General Richardson—meeting with an accident. We are glad to say that he has quite recovered.

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2nd Lieutenant Lord G. H. L. Dundas has returned from leave at home and during Captain Elphinston's absence with the Mounted Infantry Class, will be attached to "F" Company.

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On Thursday 23rd November, "D" Company, under Captain K. F. C. Marshal, proceeded to Kirkee to take up the detachment duties in place of the East Lancashires. This move is a welcome one to the men of the Ninety-third, as the finding of the Ordnance Depot Guard is now thrown upon the "Lilliewhites."

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The process of re-roofing and renovating the Wanowrie Bungalows proceeds slowly, the latest to be tackled being that occupied by the Band. During the absence of "D" Company the musical part of the Battalion is housed in No. 1 Bungalow, a large tree outside providing an admirable spot for morning practice.

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The weekly selections played by the Band in front of the supper room are fairly popular with the rank and file, but a correspondent informs us that on a recent Friday night, no less than 150 soldiers were counted seated or standing in the road round the Officer's Mess, listening to the selections being played. A considerable number of civilians were also present, and on a moonlight night the occasion seems to be one for an enjoyable promenade.

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As an additional inducement to men enlisted for three years' colour service, who are at present serving in India, to extend their service to complete eight years in India, the Government has sanctioned the grant of six months' furlough out of

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India. The furlough will be granted after the extension has been carried out and four years service completed. "They laugh best who laugh last," and this appears to be near the end of the great three years joke.

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Major H. D'E. Vallancy, D.S O., is to be congratulated on his appointment as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of the 6th (Poona) Division.

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Sergeant Stobie and Lance Corporals Harkness and Halley have proceeded to Rawal Pindi for supply duties in connection with the manœuvres.

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A very successful boxing tournament was held on the 28th and 29th November under regimental arrangements, and an interesting account of the proceedings will appear in our next number.

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The results of the Battalion's shooting in the Army Inter-Company match and the doings of the Meerut team are unavoidably held over till next month.

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Lieutenant and Adjutant J. Kennedy, and Lieutenants O. C. Herbert, and the Honourable R. Bruce, were appointed extra-A.D.Cs. to His Excellency Lord Lamington during the visit of T. R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales to Bombay.

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Many accounts of the Indian Mutiny have been written, but when the story is told from the actual experiences of one of the rank and file, it becomes doubly interesting. Such indeed is the account which the Editor has received from our representative who received it from Colour-Sergeant James Cook, late Ninety-third Highlanders, and for which we hope to find room in a subsequent issue. The narrative is written in the plain language of the soldier and will prove interesting reading.

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From a Fort William correspondent we have received an eloquent account of the death, which occurred in the latter part of last year, of Sergeant John O'Neil, one of the few survivors of the "Birkenhead" disaster, and in fact, it is believed, the only survivor who belonged to the *Ninety-first* contingent on board the ill-fated ship. The remains of the deceased veteran were interred in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Skirbeck, and as a handsome monument has been raised to his memory, the tomb is worthy of a visit from any old soldier who may be in the vicinity.

The War Office have recently published, principally for recruiting purposes, a revised edition of the pamphlet giving the history of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders up to the termination of the South African War. In the list of honours borne on the Colours the pamphlet gives the first as "Cape of Good Hope 1806." The present colour of the Ninety-third bears it as "Cape of Good Hope" without any date, and we are under the impression that the latter version is the correct one, although the Army List also gives the date in addition.

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Sergeant Instructor Lees of the Permanent Staff of the 5th Volunteer Battalion has, we understand, been appointed Sergeant-Major of that Battalion in place of the late Sergeant-Major Cathie. Sergeant-Major Lees, who belonged to the Kings' Own Scottish Borderers, was at one time instructor to the Ballachulish Company and latterly to the Kilmartin Company, and has always been noticed for the excellent condition of his men.

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From a home correspondent we learn that the social amenities of the Depot have in no way deteriorated through the recent reduction in the establishment, and the first quadrille party held by the Sergeants towards the end of October was an unqualified success. The Ball-room, artistically decorated with flags, crossed swords and an elaborate picture of His Majesty, was indeed a gay assembly, and the Committee, under the Presidency of the ever popular "Freddy" Paton and Tom Newnes as M.C., left nothing wanting in order to make the event the success it was.

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Drum-Major Green of the Royal Scots, whom our readers may remember recently belonged to this Battalion, has sent us a cutting from a Dumfries paper giving an interesting account of a banquet held in Kirkcudbright, celebrating the anniversary of the charge of the Light Brigade, and at which one of the principal guests was his father, Sergeant Robert Green, late of the Ninety-third, and a survivor of the Crimean and Mutiny Campaigns. We are glad to hear that our old comrade is still hale and hearty, and of the respect which is shewn to him as a survivor of the "Thin Red Line."

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We have to thank our correspondent "Sandy" of the Ninety-first for the notes which we have pleasure in publishing this month.

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Round the Bungalows.

Some aspiring individual, whose pretensions towards the next vacancy for Poet Laureate are painfully evident, has sent me the following lines. They refer to the fact that when going through his annual Musketry course recently, he found himself on the range before the sun rose and the moon still shining. I leave my readers to judge of his sanity.

Was it the moon, or was it the morning's ray,
That called me, comrade, from my bed away?
For oh, great Cæsar, what a horrible dream!
To go on parade with the lunar beam
So sleepy we are, getting out with a shove,
We scarce see the stars, bright, shining above;
And off on the trot ere the sun it can rise
Many leagues we can cover, (with plenty of sighs!)
Roll on, thou blest canteen, thy comfort we long for,
When in thee, we spin thee, our stories of war.

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What about a *nom-de-plume* for the last "breeze"? The two previous drafts were nicknamed the "Invaders" and "Blue-bell" respectively, but this last lot, it has been suggested to me, should be dubbed the "Professionals," the reason being that they are mostly long service men, and probably enlisted with the view of remaining in the service. Has anyone got a better cognomen for them?

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A correspondent some time ago sent me the following yarn, which may be new to some of our readers.

A corporal in a certain regiment (no names, no p.d.) was constantly claiming that his bayonet was the brightest in the room and as he used to boast that it could not be excelled in the whole of the British Army, his efforts to keep it in condition were many and lasting. His comrades, tired of his bouncing, determined to humble him, and so one night, after the last notes of "Lights out" had died away, and the room was in perfect darkness, the well known voice of the Provost Sergeant was heard shouting "Put them lights out." As the lights were all turned out no one paid any attention to this order, and when a few minutes later a policeman appeared and requested the Corporal to "kindly cover up his Bayonet" the roar of laughter that followed was sufficient to keep the boasting non-com quiet for a considerable time to follow.

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I have been told that the favorite lullaby in the married quarters at the present time is "Down Derry, Down." Perhaps one of our married comrades can tell us why it is so popular.

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Conversing with a friend, recently returned from an excellent health resort (not Purundhar), he informed me the following lines were found inscribed on a rock where the invalids had been exercising.

"It's here in a pukha hill station,
Stuck like the limpets we are;
And surely it's not our intention,
For duty our pleasure to mar.

So here we'll remain till we're shifted,
Let's hope 'twill be many a day;
Or the life out our doctor we'll bother,
Till to keep us, he finds out a way."

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The following wireless wireograms regarding the forthcoming December manœuvres have been received from the different institutes, and quite possibly reflect the varied opinions of their frequenters.

Officer's Mess:—"Awfully awkward, you know, just going on leave too,—nice little shooting party. Have to be postponed. D———n."

Sergeants Mess:—"Log lines and sporran covers will be drawn at 2 p.m." (Extract from orders) No sleep for the "flag" this afternoon.

Canteen:—"Div ye min' yon time when we hid tae gae three days without a pint?" "Ay, fine man, a hope it winna be like that this duffy?"

Coffee Shop:—"Manœuvres is graun' things far ge'in ye an appetite. An' the feedin's rale guid at times, sometimes ye can get twa tins o'MacConochies fur yae meal, an' when it's like that it's a' richt."

R.A.T.A:—"Byns! Woy ye can alwers get Byns hon manoovers. Haint the T.A. a-goin' hout this time? Blime me! Woy not?"

Guard room:—∴ ∴——!! ∴ ∴——? (Result, 7*s.* 6*d.* and ten days C.B. as usual.)

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The following story illustrates the expense and at the same time, the futility of modern armaments.

The head of a great gun and armour-making establishment said to the agent of a foreign Government:—

"Then, sir, I am to understand that you want us to make you an armour plate that no projectile can pierce? We are producing armour plate like that daily."

"No," replied the military agent, "you mistake me. I want to know if you make a gun that will pierce any armour plate?"

"Certainly, sir, certainly," was the prompt answer, "we do that sort of thing every day."

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Football.

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CORPORALS 93rd HIGHLANDERS *versus* N. C. O.'s SIGNALLING SCHOOL.

This Match seems to be quite an annual affair. Last year the result was a win for our corporals by seven goals to one, but this year we could only pull it off by the odd goal. Had we turned out the team originally picked, the result might have been similar to that of last year. The 93rd kicked off against the sun and at once attacked the signallers, and it was mainly owing to wide shooting that they failed to score in the first half. After the interval the game dwindled into a purely one-sided one, the 93rd having nearly all the play. McMaster at last managed to penetrate the signallers' defence and scored the only goal of the game. *Teams*: *93rd*—Ellis, Shanks and Ewing; Birrell, McMaster and McLuckie. Turnbull, Erskine and Quinn; Mullholland and Blake.

Signalling Class. Booth, Scrivener, Grealy, Roberts, Hartley, Irvine, Booth, O'Conner, Shirvell, Stump and Jones.

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CORPORALS *versus* LANCE-CORPORALS 93rd HIGHLANDERS.

This game turned out to be a very interesting affair in many ways. Some highly original, although nevertheless very successful methods of stopping the progress of a player on the ball were adopted, but as they were scarcely in accordance with Association football rules, they will be of no practical use as tips to football aspirants. The Corporals kicked off against the sun and Ellis was early called upon to defend. The first goal of the game, and in favour of the Lance "Jock's" was credited to Turnbull, who beat Ellis with a beautiful drive from the right. Erskine scored No. 2 which Ellis had no possible chance of saving. Half time 2—0. The Corporals had a bit of a look in in the second half, and gave Palmer a warm time of it. Indeed the Junior ranks were lucky in securing his services as goalkeeper at the last minute, and had it not been for his almost phenomenal saving, the Corporals would undoubtedly have had more than one goal to their credit. Shanks and Campbell divided the honour of scoring the only goal for the Corporals. The former captured the ball about midfield, and dodging no less than three opponents, slipped it to Campbell, who gave Palmer no chance of saving. About five minutes from the close, the ball was travelling in the air towards Ellis, when Youngson, finding he could not reach it with head or foot, took over the duties of goal keeper (pro tem.) and promptly smacked it with his fist. McLaren took the inevitable penalty kick and scored No. 3. Result: Lee. Corporals 3, Corporals 1.

Teams —Corporals.—Ellis; Youngson, Shanks; Hiddles, McMaster, McLuckie; Gilmour, Johnston; McElroy; Melville, Campbell. *Lance Corporals.*—Palmer; Birrell, Mullholland; Wilson, McLaren, Armour; Turnbull, Erskine, McGregor, Blake, and Buckley.

"E" COMPANY *versus* "F" COMPANY.

The team met in a friendly game for the purpose of testing the merits of their respective teams, in which were included a few of the last draft. We wondered why "E's" players were so light and springy of foot, and on our remarking the same to a bystander we were informed of the fact that they had that day been issued with boots just imported from "Blitee," which probably explains the case. "E" started the ball against the sun, but were soon dispossessed of it by "F's" halves. The latter's forwards were soon round Mullen, who generally got out of difficulties in his usual smart style. "F" company's goal was never really in danger, "E's" shooting being indeed very erratic. Although "F" had the best of the game all through, they never managed to beat Mullen, and the game ended in a goalless draw.

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Hearty congratulations to our friends the Seaforths on gaining the proud distinction of possessing the champion football team in India. This tournament was played between the Seaforths and 1st Royal Dragoons at Bombay, during the Prince of Wales' visit to that city. All arrangements were made and carried out by Mr. Hogan, Secretary of the Rovers' Club. The tournament was between the winners of the two Premier trophies in India, namely, the Durand Cup, which was won by the Dragoons, and the Rovers' Cup, which the Highlanders succeeded in annexing; the championship to be decided by the best of three games. The first two games ended in a draw, one goal each and no scoring respectively, but, by all accounts, the Seaforths showed their superiority in both games and were only robbed of victory through persistent bad luck at goal. In the third and last game, they showed to an appreciative crowd that they were decidedly the better team, eventually running out winners by two goals to nil, thus securing the championship of India.

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"Frae the T. A."

Dear Mister Editur,

Ma spurrin' chum, Tappit Tam, bein' on gaird th' nicht, am left a bit mi'sel, sae havin' jist come up frae mi' usual corner aifter a licht repast o' hauf-a-dizzen eggs, fower doorsteps and six cups o' char, wi' yin or twa buns tae feenish, a' feel ma'sel jist in richt form fur discoursin' on the wrangs o' the British sojir in India o' whase noble airmy a' form a pairt.

Tho' a'm only five feet fower and five eichts in heicht wi' ma twa badges on, a' hae my ain opeenions on maist things, an' am no feart tae stick tae them. If there's anything a' like tae argie aboot, that thing's teetotalism. Some folk are aye rinnin' doon the men wha can tak' a pint or maybe twa pints, bit whit a' maintain is that it's aye best tae hae a wheen o' folk wha can tak' a dram, for the teetotalers widna' get a chance tae distinguish themselves if naebudy drank at a.'

Hooever, jist afore a' cam up the nicht there wis a story gaun roon' aboot a non-com (he kens himsel' wha a' mean when he sees this) on bein' ca'd oot tae explain tae his squad th' rules fur judgin' distance, started aff something aifter this style, "Objects that are distant appear tae be furthest awa', an' objects that are below the groun' line are very often invisible." Then some yin in the squad laughed ootricht afore he discovered his mistake.

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Well, Mister Editur, a' hivna muckle tae sae this time, sae a'll jist draw tae an en' wi yin mair baur—a rael divert, as that sookin-turky, Wee Wullie, wid hae ca'd it. A' heard it frae a man o' the Heilan' Licht Infantry and tho' some o' ye hae heard it afore, it'll be new tae ithers.

Weel, in a certain station whaur there are a when o' gaird-rooms, connectit' wi' telephones, an orderly yaised tae gang roon' in th' mornin' collectin' the gaird reports. He faund on visitin' yin o' the gaird-rooms yae mornin' that th' men war feastin' on raw ingin's, an' on visitin' the next, whaur they wur haein' a guid breakfast o' parritch, he quite casually telled them whit they wur eatin' at the last gaird. On hearin' this the Corporal slunk owre tae the telephone an' rung up th' Corporal o' the ither gaird, wha, hearin' the bell, got up frae his breakfast an' went tae the instrument. Takin' up the receiver he ca'd back th' usual "Hullo," bit he nearly let the thing fa' when he heard the faur-awa voice reply—"O good gracious man—standaway from the telephone; you've been eating onions!" Sae, when that Corporal is on gaird noo an' hears the bell ring, he ca's the gaird tae attention—he thinks it safest, ye never ken wha's at th' ither en.'

Noo that's enough for ae' nicht, an' a' wull subscribe ma'sel as before,

Yer freen,'

"TAM THE BUNWALLAH."

P.S.—A'm takin' the Boonty.

"T. B."

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Musketry.

ANNUAL COURSE.—"C" COMPANY.

The following N.C O's and men gained marksman
No. 7501, Corporal J. McKinley, (Company Shot.)
No. 6428 Lce. Cpl. Carlyle, R, No. 8993, Pte. McIntyre W., No. 7169 Private McKinnon, A.

Number of Marksmen	...	4
do. 1st Class shots	...	34
do. 2nd „	...	40
do. 3rd „	...	9

Corporal McKinley's score is made up as follows:
Part I, 110. Part II, 247. Part III, 81.
The Company was exercised by Captain A. H. Maclean.

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BAND AND SIGNALLERS.

The undernoted N.C.O.'s and men gained marksman. No. 4878, Sergeant J. McLachlan. (Best shot of Band.)

No. 5865 Corpl. F. Johnston, "A" Company.
„ 8278, Private P. Gunn, "A" „
„ 8137, „ R. English "B" „
„ 6449, Bandsman W. Yeo, "C" „
„ 6486, „ F. Noble, "G" „

Number of Marksmen	...	7
„ 1st Class shots.		21
„ 2nd do.		37
„ 3rd do.		4

Band Sergeant McLachlan's Score is made up as follows:—
Part I. 96. Part II. 228. Part III. 107.
Exercised by Lieutenant C. P. James.

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"B" COMPANY.

The following N. C. O.s and men gained marksman.
No. 7191, Lce. Corpl. C. Campbell (Company shot.)
No. 6295, Lce. Sgt. W. Alder.
„ 6959, Private J. Paterson.
„ 5474, Private J. Scott.
„ 7095, Lce. Cpl. J. McGregor.

ALSO
Lce. Sgt. Brett, "C" Coy.
Cpl. J. McKenzie, "B" Coy.
Lce. Cpl. Campbell's Score is made up as follows.
Part I. 96. Part II. 216 Part III. 90.
Exercised by Captain W. J. B. Tweedie.

In the Indian Volunteer Rifle Association match for the Viceroy's cup, the name of Sergeant-Major A. Macdonald, Cawnpore Volunteer Rifles, who left the Ninety Third some years ago, appears with a score of 32-33-30=95 in the first stage, thus qualifying for the next, and in the individual matches, he, along with Sergeant-Instructor "Wullie" Smith of the Assam-Bengal-Railway Volunteers, secured places in the prize list.

REGIMENTAL SHOOTING CLUB.

Owing to the half Battalion proceeding to the field-firing camp. no programme was drawn up for November but undernoted are the results of two competitions, the first held during October and the second on the miniature range on 9th November, the entries on both occasions being very poor.

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER. Regulation Target 500 Yards.

Marksmen.—1st Pte. Morrison "B" Company.
Class A—1st Pte. Paterson "B" do.
Class B—1st Pte. Wilson "B" do.
Recruits.—Boy Campbell, "H" do.

THUR. 9TH NOV. Miniature Range. Prizes in kind.
1st Pte. Craig, "H" Coy. Suit of Khaki.
2nd L.Cpl. Swan "B" „ 2 Pair Hose.
3rd Pte. Jack, "D" „ 2 „ White gaiters.
4th „ Rice, "G" „ 2 „ Khaki gaiters.
5th „ Snowdon "B" „ 1 „ Hose.

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Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

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LANCE-SERGEANT WM. FULTON.

Enlisted as a drummer 24th March 1851, at Edinburgh, at the age of fifteen, purchased discharge 27th February 1857, re-enlisted 24th January 1859, and purchased discharge for the second time at Sialkote in January 1866. Embarked with regiment for Turkey in 1854 and afterwards proceeded to Bulgaria. At Varna he contracted Asiatic cholera and was left behind when the 93rd proceeded to the Crimea. Rejoined the regiment at Balaklava and participated in all the subsequent actions in which the regiment took part; was promoted Corporal on 14th June 1859, and Lance-Sergeant in 1864, and is in possession of the Crimean and Turkish medals, with clasp for Sebastopol. Missed the medal for Umballa Campaign owing to being sent from Nowshera to Sialkote on escort duty with prisoners. On returning home Fulton joined the Army Reserve, which force he belonged to until 1888 when he was discharged with a pension of one shilling per diem. Sergeant Fulton had the distinction of capturing a Russian bugle during the Crimean Campaign and was one of the veterans whom the King conversed with during his recent visit to Edinburgh. Sergeant Fulton is still a smart and active old soldier and pursues his civilian labours with but little abatement of vigour. He is now in his 69th year. That the gallant old veteran may long continue in health and strength we all hope. An interesting account of the capture of the Russian bugle appeared in the People's Journal of 14th November, 1903, and which we hope to find space for in an early issue.

No. 1484 PRIVATE JAMES McCASKILL.

This hardy old veteran, if not the "Father of the Regiment" according to date of enlistment, can at least put forth strong claims to the title for other reasons. He was born in the regiment at Drogheda, Ireland, as far back as 1818, at which time his father, and grandfather on the maternal side, were serving with the regiment, both of whom were present at the battle of New Orleans, his father being wounded at that battle. Previous to the raising of the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders his grandfather, who was named Mackay, and hailed from Sutherlandshire, served with one of the Sutherland fencible Regiments which were raised during the wars with the French at the latter part of the eighteenth century and joined the Ninety-third with McCaskill's father when the regiment was formed. That the martial spirit of the Highlanders burned as brightly as ever in the family is proved by the career of the gallant old soldier who is still to the fore. He was the oldest soldier who went forth in the regiment to the Indian Mutiny, having then about 20 years service. Colonel Leith-Hay, then in command, wanted McCaskill to stay at home when the Regiment in 1857 was ordered to China for active service, afterwards altered to India on the outbreak of the Mutiny. The sturdy old veteran, even at that far away time a veteran, refused to entertain such a thought and succeeded in accompanying the Regiment. Briefly his services are as follows :—

Enlisted at Aberdeen for the Cameron Highlanders on 24th April, 1838, with which regiment he served in the south of England during the Chartist disturbances. Under the famous Duke of Wellington he, with his regiment, took part in the measures concerted by the famous Duke for the defence of London during the great Chartist gathering at Kennington Common. Transferred to his father's regiment the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders in 1841, joining the Depot at Aberdeen from which place be proceeded with a draft in 1842 to join the regiment at

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Toronto, Canada. He was posted to the Light Company with which company he served during the remainder of his service. He came home with the regiment from Canada, the regiment then being commanded by Colonel Sparkes, the finest looking officer in the British Army the veteran says. During the stay of the Regiment in Plymouth prior to the out-break of the Crimean War McCaskill was employed as valet to Sir Harry Smyth, the hero of Aliwal, then commanding the Plymouth garrison. Went with the regiment to the Crimea and took part in the battle of the Alma —where the veteran had several narrow escapes, his feather bonnet being carried away by a shell —the battle of Balaklava, and part of the operations during the siege of Sebastopol, was invalided home from the Crimea with brain fever three months before the fall of Sebastopol and rejoined the regiment on its return to England. Accompanied the regiment to India and took part in the Relief and Capture of Lucknow and all the operations up to the close of the Mutiny Campaigns. Proceeded home for discharge from Bareilly in 1859 on conclusion of twenty-one years' service. Has the following decorations, Crimean and Turkish medals with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol; Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow; the Long Service and Good Conduct medal. The gallant old veteran who is now 87 years of age, is a bit deaf but otherwise shows less of the ravages of age than one might expect to find. He is still active enough on his feet and walks without the aid of a stick and climbs up and down stairs ready enough. His dearest wish is to see his gallant old regiment again before he dies, an event which all his younger comrades will join in hoping may be far off yet. The "Thin Red Lines" and photographic plates are a source of great enjoyment to him and he takes great pride in displaying them to all who visit him. Our gallant old comrade had the misfortune to lose his wife, to whom he was deeply attached, about two years ago. Mrs. McCaskill was herself over 10 years with the Regiment. After leaving the Regiment Mr. McCaskill became a Volunteer Instructor at Turriff, and afterwards kept the Town Hall and worked as a gardener for some years. His present address is 115 Gallowgate, Aberdeen, not quite the neighbourhood we should have liked to have found him in, but the gallant old veteran says that it is hallowed by memories of his dead wife and declares he has no other thought than to die there also. Offers he has had to go to Chelsea Hospital, but our faithful old comrade refuses them all. As the father of our Crimean and Mutiny Veterans we salute him and wish him happiness.

Marriage of Sergeant J. Buchanan.

A very pretty ceremony, was the marriage of Sergeant James Buchanan, our Sergeant-Master-Cook, to Miss May Doran, younger daughter of Mrs. Doran, Wanowrie, on 22nd November.

The Church ceremony, the Rev. Father Koensegen officiating, took place at 5 o'clock and the Cathedral looked particularly bright with the uniforms of his brother Non-Commissioned Officers and smart costumes of the ladies; the large number of civilian friends witnessing the ceremony shewing the esteem in which both bride and bridegroom are held in the district.

To the strains of a choral anthem, the bride entered on the arm of her uncle Mr. W. Laskey, accompanied by her sister, Miss Kathleen Doran, as bridesmaid, and Misses Irene Laskey and Norah Doran as flower bearers. The bride was charmingly robed in a tasteful costume of flowered crepe-de-chene, frilled with silk lace chiffon and satin ribbon, and carried a bouquet of exotics, while her train, trimmed with orange blossoms, was carried by a dainty little lady in pink silk, Miss Lily Laskey. The bridesmaid and flower bearers were all in white silk. The Bridegroom was accompanied by Sergeant J. Stewart, his groomsman, and both were in full review order.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, the whole party drove to the house of the bride's mother, where a reception was held prior to the departure of the happy couple on their honeymoon. On the journey from the Church the bridal carriage had to run the gauntlet of several showers of rice, shewing that the old custom is not dead yet.

A large marquee had been erected in the compound and in it the guests assembled, when Captain Tweedie, in an appropriate speech, proposed the health of the newly wedded pair, the toast being enthusiastically honoured. The "Bestman's" speech caused no little amusement among the assembled guests, and when Sergeant Markey struck up an appropriate melody, everything was as jolly as could be desired.

Later in the evening Sergeant and Mrs Buchanan left for Bombay, the bride's going away costume being of blue voile with picture hat to match.

The presents, both numerous and pretty, were on view and were much admired, and included several articles from the staff of the Indian School of Cookery.

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Home and Depot Notes.

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It is notified that the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, which formed part of the 5th Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, moved to Chatham on the 9th November.

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It is not expected that the statue which is being erected on the Esplanade, Stirling Castle, to the memory of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who fell in the South African War, will be completed and ready for unveiling before the beginning of April next year.

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Stirling Castle turned out a guard of honour in full regimentals to welcome the Duke and Dutchess of Connaught on their recent visit. Almost the only cheer which the party got on their visit came from the Castlehill coterie as the motors dashed up the Esplanade, and it was acknowledged by one of the ladies waving her handkerchief.

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The War Office have notified the committee in charge of the national memorial to Sir Hector Macdonald that they are prepared to grant, free of cost, four cannon, which it was desired should be placed at the base of the memorial at Dingwall. The custom of the Department has been to supply obselete cannon at low rates, and this they offered to do when approached by the memorial committee. Subsequently the committee referred the matter to Sir Arthur Bignold, M.P., who entered into communication with the Department, with the result that the request of the committee is acceded to, and an advice has been received that four 9-pounders are available free.

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From the "Stirling Sentinel."

While most of the other recruiting districts in Scotland show a falling-off in the number of men enlisted last year as compared with the previous year, the 91st Regimental District, whose headquarters are at Stirling Castle, shows a substantial increase. From a recruiting point of view, the year 1903-04 was an exceptionally good one all over the country. In this twelve months the number of men enlisted at Stirling Castle for the army was 329, which was an increase compared with the previous year of 154. This year, when other centres have been showing a falling-off, Stirling Castle actually shows an increase over the big year 1903-04 of 61, the number of recruits actually raised for the year being 390. Their distribution was as follows:—177 of the line recruits joined for the territorial regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; 141 joined other line regiments; 10 went to cavalry regiments; 38 to the Royal Artillery; 1 to the Royal Engineers; 20 to the Foot Guards; and 3 to the Army Service Corps. This highly satisfactory result has been attained under the new conditions which came into force on 26th October, 1904, nearly all the recruits joining for nine years' service, and having the necessary good character without which the best soldierly qualities avail nothing. During the year (which closed 30th September) the Depot sent 293 men to join the home battalion, or including those enlisting from other places, 313, of whom 311 joined for nine years, and the remaining two for twelve. Good work was done educationally, one man obtaining a first-class certificate, 28 second class, and 88 third class. In regard to the Militia, the number who joined in the outstanding year 1903-04 was 528, which was an increase over the previous year of 263. This year there is a decrease of 99, the number taken on being 429, which is still, however, fully up to the average. It may be mentioned that out of the 149 men serving in the Depot on 1st October, no fewer than 128 were born in Scotland.

Sergeant-Major John Motion, late XCIII Highlanders.

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Building operations have commenced in connection with the Queen Victoria Memorial School for sons of Scottish soldiers and sailors at Dunblane

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The annual inter-regimental shooting contest for the Perrier-Jouet Cup was held at Patterton Ranges, Glasgow, recently when the cup was won by the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (1334 points). 1st Lanark was second (1292 points.)

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Mar Lodge, which is at present occupied as the Soldiers' Home, is, we understand, to be converted into a tea-garden, where tourists may roam about the grounds and enjoy a cup of tea in the beautiful surroundings. A three-story building is to be erected with a frontage to the road, and it will include, in addition to refreshment rooms, a shop for the sale of souvenirs and other fancy articles.

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A grand ball was given by Colonel Hunt in Stirling Castle on Wednesday 4th October. The officers' mess-room, in which the dancing took place and the suite of apartments adjoining, including Queen Mary's boudoir, were set apart and suitably decorated for the occasion, and the ancient and historic buildings have seldom witnessed a more brilliant spectacle. Colonel Hunt and the other officers of the garrison received the guests, who numbered nearly two hundred. The music was by Herr Iff's band from Glasgow, and the purveying was in the excellent hands of Messrs Keith and Ralston, Stirling. The company included, amongst others, many past and present officers of the Ninety-third.

The Regimental Association.

(By our own Correspondent.)

As the guest of Mr. William Fulton, the veteran bugler of the 93rd, I was present at the Annual Gathering of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association which took place in Trades House, Glasgow, on the 27th October. I am sending you the account of the function given by "Forage Cap" in the Glasgow News, which by reason of the writer's many associations with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders is entitled to seniority of claim for insertion in "The Thin Red Line." I will therefore only touch on such items as have been omitted by Mr. Carson in his report.

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I was very much disappointed to see such a poor turn-out of Crimean and Mutiny Veterans. William McLay, who enlisted in 1850 was the "Father" of the veterans present, the others being William Fulton (1851), Ronald Macdonald (1857), Daniel McLachlan (1855), James Adair (1856), and three "Umbeyla" veterans, George Martin (1857), William Stewart (1858), and Edward McKinlay (1858.) The oldest serving members present of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were Sergeant Major P. Macdonald, 1st D.R.V., enlisted 1871; and Sergeant Major Wm. Beattie, 3rd V. B. A & S. H, enlisted 1876. The officers, to use a drill book phrase, were also "present in small numbers," only four being able to attend:—Colonel P. D. Trotter, Colonel J. H. Campbell, Major J Denholm and Captain A. Beattie. Major Fullarton had intended being present, but owing to illness had to send an apology at the last moment. Major Macdougall of Lunga, Captain Burgoyne and others were unable, owing to important engagements, to be present, but sent subscriptions and their best wishes for an enjoyable night.

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The speeches for the most part were very much to the point. Colonel Trotter in his remarks as Chairman spoke very feelingly on the subject of those comrades who had answered the last roll-call since the date of the last re-union:—Lieut. General Sir F. W. Traill-Burroughs K.C.B., Lieut. General S. M. Wiseman-Clarke, C.B., Colonel Maxwell Hyslop, Colonel S. E. Wood, Colonel A. H. Middleton, Sergeant Drummer James Duff, Private D. Skinner, Pte. J. Goldie, Pte. J. McGarvie. Special reference was made to the late Colonel Middleton, the deeply lamented President of the Association, and to the late Drum-Major Duff, who for the long period of twenty-five years had marched at the head of the 93rd and whose son is the present Drum-Major of the Regiment. Colonel Campbell of Inverardoch replying to the toast of "the officers" given by Mr. Mackinlay, assured the meeting that the young officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of the present day were equal in every respect to the older generation, and that the honour and traditions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were safe in their hands. The toast of "Our comrades" was proposed by Sergeant-Major Beattie, after a very eloquent speech and was replied to by Major Denholm. "The Press" was proposed by C. S. I. Baldwin and replied to by Mr. Carson (Forage Cap) of the Glasgow News. The genial pressman told the company how he marched past His Majesty the King at the Review in Edinburgh as an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander, and also a story of himself and two old cronies, veterans of the 93rd, now passed away, who promised, as they could not make him a 93rd man, to do the next best thing for him—what do you think? "See that he got a military funeral."

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Following is the "abstract of accounts" of the Association for the current year :—

Income.	£	s	d	Expenditure.	£	s	d
Credit from last year	20	4	8	Total Expenses	42	5	2
Interest on Bank account	0	10	4	At present in the Bank	15	12	4
Contributions—all sources	37	2	6				
	£57	17	6		57	17	6

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Sergt.-Major James Lindsay, *Vice-President.*
Edward McKinlay, *Treasurer.*
George Martin, *Secretary.*

The number who have obtained employment through the agency of the Association is as follows :—

From formation till		Other Regiments	Temporary.	Total.
1904	235	102	71	408
1905	12	4	6	22
Totals	247	106	77	430

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The Re-union, though considered a success by one who was present for the first time, did not meet with the approval of the energetic Treasurer, Mr. Mackinlay, who declared that it did not come up to the standard of previous years and complained of want of support from the younger members of the 91st and 93rd. That is certainly not as it should be when one considers that of the 200 men or thereabouts who return to civilian life yearly at least 50 per cent go to the West of Scotland. Of this number not more than 2 per cent join the Glasgow Association, hence it will be seen that several radical changes are absolutely necessary in order to place the association on a firmer footing.

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First and foremost, all serving members of the Regiment should join the association and contribute a small sum yearly towards its upkeep. This can be effected by the payment of one shilling per year. When it is understood, that, almost without exception, those who have benefited by charitable donations and help to employment from the association never in their lives subscribed a penny towards its upkeep, it will be seen that some assistance should be given by men, whilst serving, towards an institution which is ready to assist them on their return to civil life. The next consideration is that all the present Branches should be amalgamated and then re-distributed. Three or four branches would be necessary. One at Glasgow, one at Edinburgh, one at Stirling and one at Dundee or Perth. All the branches could be under the control of an influential executive committee. Serving members, absent from Scotland, could indicate which branch they desired to become members of on their return to civil life, and to this branch their subscriptions would be paid. Failing the above scheme the only alternative is to hold the annual re-union in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Stirling in turn. This however, would subject a large number of the members to great inconvenience, and probably cause a decrease in membership.

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There is still a Branch of the 93rd Association at Aberdeen, but it is not in a very flourishing condition, mustering little more than a dozen members, who are all very old veterans. As Aberdeen is now closed for recruiting to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and we very seldom get a recruit from that district, it is probable that this little branch will die out in time. There is no branch at present in Dundee, but such an important industrial centre is sure to contain a large number of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. I know of at least six Crimean and Mutiny veterans who reside there. I daresay a branch at Dundee would soon be in a flourishing condition if someone took the matter up.

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Several minor changes might also be initiated, such for instance as the holding of the annual Gathering on dates suitable for celebrating such historical incidents in the life of the Regiment as the loss of the Birkenhead, Relief of Lucknow, Battles of Modder River, Alma, Vittoria, Balaklava, etc., This would in no way offend the susceptibilities of either Battalion and would undoubtedly encourage esprit-de-corps. The event to be celebrated could easily be selected by the Executive Committee.

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It is interesting to note that Sergeant D. Inglis, 2nd Battalion. still retains his place on the Glasgow Association programme as a type of the Argyll and Suther and Highlanders. The photo from which the litho block was re-produced was taken just outside the National Art Gallery, Princes Street, Edinburgh, when the 1st Battalion was stationed in Auld Reekie in 1893. Sergeant Inglis is the son of a Thin Red Line veteran of the 93rd.

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I have been informed by Mr. Mackinlay, Treasurer of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association, that the Gathering this year has not been a financial success, and that to cover the deficit about £5 will have to taken from the funds. It is probable that the Dance which has been a special feature of the Re-union for some years past, will be dropped in future. Rouse up, men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and show everyone that the Pioneer Regimental Association in Scotland can still lead the way.

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Notes from the Ninety First.

When a popular battalion is under orders for a move, occasion is generally taken to indulge in a social gathering to shew the spirit of good-comradeship which exists between the battalions quartered in the same station, therefore the "Smoker" given by the Corporals of the Ninety-first to their brethern of the Ninety-ninth, the popular "Wilts," was indeed a jolly affair.

The proceedings were opened by Quarter-Master Sergeant Potter with a few pithy remarks regarding the object of the meeting, and on Corporal Rowe responding no time was lost in getting through the programme for the evening. Everybody appeared to have enjoyed themselves and the Committee—Corporals Welch, Finan, Reeves, and the one and only "Dan" Doyle—have every reason to feel proud of their efforts. During the evening it was whispered that "Clunie" was seen smoking "fags" and talking Cockney with a Corporal of the Wilts. The writer hopes to hear this infamous suggestion contradicted at an early date.

The following was the Programme :

March ..Pipes .L. Cpls Finlayson and Douglas.	Duet.....L. Cpls. Basham and Freeth.
Song.....Corpl. Dunk.	Song .....Corpl. Kirton.
Song ..... ,, ,, Clayton.	Musical Glasses..Mr Rook.
Visitors.	**Visitors.**
Song .....Corpl. Purvis.	Song.....L. Cpl. Fraser.
Song ..... ,, Kirton.	Song..... ,, Doyle.
Sword dance ..L. Cpl. Finlayson	Highland Fling ,, Finlayson
Visitors.	**Visitors.**
Song.....L. Cpl. Johnstone	Song .....Corpl. Weight.
Song..... ,, Drummond.	Song .....L. Cpl. Pattison.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

In a Field Firing Competition open to the Border Brigade, "H" Company of the Ninety First are to be congratulated on winning it with an average of 11.4, the next best being a company of the Wiltshire Regiment with an average of 10.1.

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The Boxing Competition open to the Garrison was productive of some good fighting, and in the 9 stone class, Private Harvey, "E" Company, secured a first place, winning the silver cup.

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The Battalion Football team were successful in beating the Northamptons in the Border League by 4 goals to 2.

"SANDY."

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That wounded soldiers on the field of battle are often overlooked and mistaken for dead on account of their being too feeble to call out is a well-known fact. To remedy this a physician in the Japanese Red Cross service has invented a whistle which, with very slight exertion, gives a loud sound, and thus attracts the attention of those in search of the wounded.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT he wis dancin' like a swallow on the wing.

That it wad like tae see a swallow dancin.'

That the last train at nicht gangs in the mornin.'

That if twenty one thirty p.m. is the time, whit dae they fire the gun at half past nine fur?

That it saw a full private wha wis a gey *fu'* private.

That we hae managed to send a team tae Meerut at last.

That it seems they wir bothered wi' white ants.
That yin o' its freens hid a graun' waddin.
That he wis'na much o' a spokesman.
That he wis as bad as the *bride* himsel.
That the new rifle is no a "pothunters" ane onewey.
That it had a week's shootin' in the country.
But that it wis targets it wis shootin.
That he wis lookin' for a new "Joe soap"!
That it heard some gey funny commands oot bye.
That yin wis "at the invisible target ye see owre' on that hill, rapid fire."
That ye should never drive a horse when ye're leadin' it.
That although he hed the "bok" he played a graund game.
That there are 50,000 programmes comin' tae Alandi.
That maybe he meant pilgrims.
That th' telephone in th' butts wis deaf and dumb.
That it wishes it wis a three years' man.
That he wid noo gie an exhibeetion o' a hauf Nelson.

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The programme of the tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales is now finally settled. The arrangements made for the first part of their Royal Highnesses' journey are as follows :—

Nov.	9-14	Bombay.	
,,	15-17	Indore.	
,,	18-20	Udaipur.	
,,	21-23	Jaipur.	
,,	24-27	Bikaner.	
,,	28 to Dec. 1	Lahore.	
Dec	2-4	Peshawar.	
,,	5-8	In the neighbourhood of Rawal pindi.	
,,	9-10	Jamma.	
,,	11	Amritsar	
,,	12-15	Delhi.	
,,	16-19	Agra.	
,,	20-25	Gwalior.	
,,	26-28	Lucknow.	
,,	29 to Jan. 6	Calcutta	
Jan.	7-9	Darjeeling.	
,,	10-12	Calcutta.	
,,	13-15	Rangoon.	
,,	16-20	Mandalay.	
,,	21	Rangoon.	
,,	24-28	Madras.	
,,	29 to Feb. 4	Mysore.	
Feb.	5-7	Bangalore.	
,,	8-10	Hyderabad.	
,,	11-15	Shooting Camp.	
,,	17	Daulatabad.	
,,	19-20	Benares.	
,,	21 to Mar. 8	Bettiah.	
March	8	Aligarh.	
,,	7-10	Simla.	
,,	12-16	Quetta.	
,,	17-19	Karachi.	

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The Photographer.

The War Office requests Officers commanding units to submit Photographs and Films suitable for conversion into Lantern Slides.—*War Office Memorandum.*

The Officer Commanding wishes to notify N.C.Os. and men in possession of Cameras, that all reasonable facilities will be given them for the purpose of securing Photographs portraying Army Life.—"*A*" *Company's Orders.*

"It appears," explained Private Smith, "that they want to advertise the Army with a magic lantern.

"They've got a bit tired of showin' a picture of a soldier in marchin' order, an callin' it 'the advantages of the Army.'

"We was talkin' about it the other night down in the' Ole in the Wall, me an' Nobby Clark an' a new chap of 'A'—I forget his right name for the minute, but we call 'im Smiler—an' Spud Murphy an' 'Appy Johnson.

"'Wot's the idea, Nobby?' sez Spud, who's been gettin' on friendly terms with me an' Nobby lately, 'wot do they want our photos for?

"'I don't know,' sez Nobby, 'but me an' Smithy are goin' in for it—ain't we, Smithy?'

"'No,' I sez.

"Me an' Smithy's got a camera,' sez Nobby, takin' no notice of wot I said, 'an' to-morrer we are goin' round barracks to see what we can do in the photo line.'

"I thought old Nobby was coddin,' but 'e wasn't, for up 'e comes next mornin' with one of them concertina machines that pull in an' out, an' at ten o'clock up goes Nobby to the Orderly Room an' asks to see the old man.

"'Well, Clark,' sez the Colonel, 'what do you want?'

"'Beg pardon, sir,' sez Nobby, 'but me an' Smithy's got a camera. an' we'd like to take a few photos for the War Office.'

"The old man was as pleased as Punch. 'Very good; very good, indeed,' sez'e. 'Sergeant-Major, see that Smith an' Clark are excused all parades for a week,' 'e sez. 'Is that what you want?

"'Yes sir,' sez Nobby.

"So me an' Nobby walked about for the rest of the week doin' nothin', an' the other chaps was very wild.

"We used to go an' watch 'em on parade an' pretend to take snapshots of 'em.

"Nobby caused a bit of unpleasantness by sayin' to the adjutant that 'e'd like to take a photograph of the regiment on parade in full marchin' order.

"'You ought to know better,' sez Spud Murphy, very fierce. 'I'm surprised at you, Nobby. There ain't another marchin' order parade for a month, an' 'ere you've been an' got orders put in for one to-morrer!'

"All the chaps in the room who was busy cleanin' their straps an' packin' their valises said ''Ear, 'ear,' but me an' Nobby sat on a bed cot doin' nothin'.

"'You wait till you see yourselves in a magic lantern,' sez Nobby. 'An', besides,' 'e sez, 'I'm goin' to take a lot of you chaps by yourselves to-morrow.'

"'Free?' sez Spud, eagerly.

"'Don't be a miser,' sez Nobby, sternly; 'don't be a miser, Spud. A tanner won't break you, will it? It cost me that.'

"'Ow do you do it, Nobby?' sez Smiler.

"'It's as simple as drinkin', sez Nobby, gettin' down 'is camera. 'I point it at you, push this cut-off, an' you're took in a minute.'

"Well, Nobby kept the regiment standing half an hour on parade next mornin' waitin' for the sun to come out.

"Me an' him was in the corner of the parade ground, 'im 'olding 'is camera, me waggin' my 'ead backward an' forward, tryin' to look as if I knew all about it, an' the battalion standin' stiff to attention.

"Bimeby the Adjutant sings out:

"'Ave you taken it?'

"'No, sir,' sings out Nobby.

"'Well, 'urry up,' sez the Adjutant; an' Nobby obeys orders an' pushes the button.

"'I want to see that picture to-morrer,' sez the adjutant.

"'Yessir," sez Nobby.

"Some'ow old Nobby was a bit depressed all that day. After tea 'e sez to me:

"'Smithy, come for a walk in town; I want to 'ave a bit of a chin wag.'

"'Smithy,' 'e sez when we got out that thing do you know anything about photos?'

"'No,' I sez.

"'No more don't I,' 'e sez, with a sort of sigh.

"'What!' I sez.

"'No,' 'e sez, 'I don't know a bloomin' thing about it. I bought this camera from a chap down the 'Igh-street. 'E sold it cheap, bein' slightly damaged. It 'adn't got one of its parts. I forget which. Any'ow, the chap said it didn't matter.'

"'Look 'ere, Nobby,' I sez, stoppin' in the street, 'have you got the monkey box with you?'

"'Yes,' 'e sez, I never let it out of my sight,' an' 'e pulls it out of his overcoat pocket.

"'We'll take it in to that chap that takes photos, an' see what's wrong with it.'

"So we took it into the photo shop, an' Nobby tells the chap all about it. The chap looks at the camera for a bit, an' me an' Nobby looks at 'im very anxious.

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"'What do you want me to do?' 'e sez.

"'Take out the photos we've took,' sez Nobby.

"'You've took, Nobby; not me' I sez.

"'We're both in, Smithy' sez Nobby.

"'There ain't no photos,' sez the photo chap.

"'No photos!' sez me an' Nobby together, an' Nobby went pale.

"'No,' sez the photo chap, 'there ain't no films.'

"'Hey?' sez Noddy.

"'Nor no lens neither,' sez the photo chap.

"'Does that make any difference?' sez Nobby.

"'You've done it!' I sez, an' I told the photo chap all about 'ow Nobby took the picture o' the regiment on parade, an' 'ow the Adjutant sez 'e wanted a copy of the photo to-morrow.

"'On parade,' I sez.

"'I've got a photo of a regiment at 'ome took on that very parade,' sez the photo chap. 'I'll tell you what I'll do when I get 'ome to-night; I'll send it on to you. You can say you took it, an' it'll be all right.'

"Old Nobby brightens up wonderful.

"'Is it our regiment?' 'e sez.

"'No,' sez the photo chap; 'but it's so small you can't tell what regiment it is.'

"'That'll do,' sez Nobby. 'Send it straight to the Adjutant,' an' we both went back to barracks 'ighly satisfied.

"Next mornin,' we was sent for to the orderly room.

"'Good mornin', Clark; good mornin', Smith,' sez the Adjutant, when 'e saw us. 'Nice photograph that you sent us.'

"'Yes, sir,' sez Nobby; but I said nothin'.

"'Took it yourself?' sez the Adjutant.

"'Yes sir,' sez Nobby."

"'Ah,' sez the Adjutant, very affable, 'the Colonel is very interested in it,'

"'Very glad to 'ear that, sir,' sez Nobby.

"The Adjutant took the photo from 'is pocket an' 'anded it to Nobby.

"Nobby looks at it: so did I. Then we saluted an' went back to the barrack-room.

"Nobby didn't speak for a long time. When 'e did, 'e said somethin' about the photo chap, an' then——

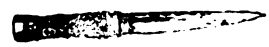
"'Was there anything I said to the photo chap last night that'd make 'im think we was 'Ighlanders, Smithy?'"

Edgar Wallace in "The Diehard's Doings."

Irrespective of their services during the late South African war, the Militia were embodied for permanent duty in 1854, on account of the Crimean war, and again in 1857 in consequence of the Indian Mutiny.

Ninety-Third Calendar for January, 1906.

1	M.	Proclamation day. Estab. reduced from 55 Sergeants, 22 drummers, 1,000 Rank and File to 45, 22, 800, respectively, 1817. Colonel W. W. Knollys relinquished command, 1879. Colonel E. D. H. Macpherson of Cluny relinquished command, 1884. Right Wing, under Major J. S. Napier, arrived at Nowshera from Mian Mir, 1896. Farewell inspection by Brigadier General Egerton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Comdg. Tochi F. F. at Boya, 1898.
2	Tu.	Cluny Macpherson of Cluny to command, 1879. Col. A. C. Nightingale to command, 1884.
3	W.	Boya for Miran Shah, Tochi F. F., 1898.
4	Th.	Transports with Ninety-Third on board anchored in Table Bay, 1806.
5	F.	
6	S.	Landed Lospard Bay, South Africa, 1806. (35 men drowned by upsetting of a boat.) Right Wing embarked H.M.S. "*Inconstant*" for
7	S.	Canada, 1838.
8	M.	Defeat of Cape Dutch at Baluwe Berg by Sir David Baird, 1806 (2 men killed, 5 officers, 53 N.C.O's and men wounded). New Orleans, 1815; 5 officers, 190 N.C.O's and men killed; 12 officers, 368 men wounded; 4 officers, 368 men missing. Embarked "*Tamar*" for Gibraltar, 1879.
9	Tu.	First detachment ("E" Coy.) to Fort Attock, 1896.
10	W.	Col. H. G. Moore relinquished command, 1888.
11	Th.	Lieut.-Col. W. S. Mills to command, 1888.
12	F.	
13	S.	"Guthri" draft arrived Nowshera, 1896.
14	S.	
15	M.	Severe earthquake shock felt at Nowshera and throughout Northern India, 1896.
16	Tu.	Centenary Games, Bareilly, 1901.
17	W.	Disembarked Gibraltar, 1879.
18	Th.	Cape of Good Hope surrendered to Force under Sir David Baird, 1806. Left Delhi for Fort William after Coronation Durbar, 1903.
12	F.	
20	S.	Re-crossed frontier to Edwardesabad (Bannu), Tochi F. F. 1898.
21	S.	
22	M.	Arrived Fort William, Calcutta, from Delhi, 1903
23	Tu.	Left Wing embarked H.M.S. "*Pique*" for Canada, 1831.
24	W.	
25	Th.	Divisional Field Firing, Poona, 1905.
26	F.	"Tug-of-War" Shield won by "A" Co., 1898.
27	S.	Embarked Plymouth for Malta, 1854.
28	S.	Left Shahjahanpur for Fort William, 1902.
29	M.	"*Inconstant*" arrived Halifax, N.S., 1838.
30	Tu.	Arrived Fort William from Shahjahanpur, 1902.
31	W.	



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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant :—

No. 6569 Lce. Sgt. D. McCallum, "A" Coy. dated 1st November.

No. 6098 Lce. Sgt. T. Young, "A" Coy. dated 15th November.

To be Corporals :—

No. 7191 Lce. Cpl. J. McKenzie, "B" Coy. dated 1st November.

No. 7757 Lce. Cpl. W. Bell, "A" Coy. dated 15th November.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Paid Lance Sergeants :—

No. 7578 Cpl. M. Murdoch, "C" Coy. dated 1st Nov.
,, 6851 ,, E. Brett, "C" Coy. dated 15th Nov.

To be Paid Lance Corporals:—

No.				Nov.
5243	Lce. Cpl. H. Lawrie,	"H" Coy. dated		1st
9186	,, W. J. McKilligan,	"G" ,,	,,	11th
9630	,, H. Palmer,	"H" ,,	,,	7th
4553	,, F. Quinn,	"H" ,,	,,	15th

To be Provisional Lance Corporals :—

No. 9771	Pte. G. Berry,	"B" Coy.	dated	17th	Nov.
,, 7104	,, W. Smith,	"B" ,,	,,	17th	Nov.
,, 8209	,, S. Weller,	"F" ,,	,,	18th	Nov.
,, 9712	,, A. Seath,	"A" ,,	,,	20th	Nov.
,, 9616	,, W. Beattie,	"A" ,,	,,	20th	Nov.
,, 9240	,, C. White,	"G" ,,	,,	24th	Nov.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal while employed on Signalling :—

No. 7704 Private T. Jack, "D" Company.

To be Acting Piper:—

No. Private W. Bain, "D" Coy. dated 15th Nov.

To be Acting Bandsmen :—

No. 8880 Pte. W. Meighan, "H" Coy. dated 25th Nov.
,, 9142 ,, F. Lennon, "H" ,, ,, 25th Nov.

To be Pioneers :—

No. 9215 Private W. Park, "F" Coy. dated 6th Nov.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 7757 Corporal W. Bell | No. 7754 Pte. A. McLeish
,, 7611 Lce. Cpl. R. Gunn | ,, 7786 ,, C. Shoolbread

"B" Company.

No. 7758 Private J. Flockhart.

"C" Company.

No. 7760 Private C. McKim,

"D" Company.

No. 7750 Pte. J. Black | No. 7759 Pte. D. Marshall
,, 7499 ,, J. Munro | ,, 7650 ,, D. Cassidy
,, 7761 L. Cpl. E. Johnstone | ,, 7737 ,, J. Milree.

No. 7376 Private T. Potter.

"E" Company.

No. 6343 Pte. J. Henderson | No. 5454 Pte. D. Ritchie.

"F" Company.

No. 7160 Pte. H. McDonald | No. 8814 Pte. A. Riddell.

"G" Company.

No. 7744 Pte. H. Alexander | No. 7755 Pte. A. Miller.

No. 6598 Private D. Cochrane.

"H" Company.

No. 6509 Pte. C. Cameron | No. 6448 Pte. C. Turnbull

Class I at Sixpence:—

"A" Company.

No. 7963 Private G. McLeod.

"E" Company

No. 9304 Pte. J. Laird | No 8995 Pte. J. Rankine

No. 6367 Private J. Brown.

"F" Company.

No. 7593 Private H. Curran.

"H" Company.

No. 9290 Pte. W. Stirling | No. 7874 Pte. G. Christie

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Two good Conduct Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 6992 Pte. P. Moran | No. 7611 Lce. Cpl. R. Gunn

No. 7757 Corporal W. Bell.

"B" Company.

No. 7492 Pte. G. Douglas | No. 7758 Pte. J. Flockhart
,, 7774 ,, M. Burns | ,, ,, W. Robinson

"C" Company.

No. 7760 Private C. McKim.

"D" Company.

No. 7761 L. Cpl. E. Johnstone | No. 7759 Pte. D. Marshal

"G" Company.

No. 7755 Pte. A. Millar | No. 7744 Pte. H. Alexander

No. 7762 Pte. J. Rankine.

"H" Company.

No. 6840 Private A. McLachlan

One good conduct Badge.

"A" Company.

No. 8367 Pte. R. McGill | No. 6639 Pte. G. Russell
,, 8029 ,, D. Campbell | ,, 7966 ,, J. Fulton

"B" Company.

No. Pte. W. Robinson | No. 7102 Pte. C. Neil
,, 9293 ,, D Taylor | ,, 6986 ,, R. Anderson

"D" Company.

No. 5971 Pte. W. Brooks | No. 5205 Pte. J. Cross
,, 7517 ,, N. McInnes | ,, 7465 ,, J. Potter

No. 7959 Pte. Livingstone

"E" Company.

No. 6437 Pte. W. Capie | No. 9304 Pte. J. Laird

"F" Company.

No. 7160 Pte. H. McDonald | No. 5712 Pte. W. Murnin

No. 8814 Private C. Riddell.

"H" Company.

No. 6509 Pte. C. Cameron | No. 9302 Dr. V. Campbell
,, 6448 ,, C. Turnbull | ,, 9290 Pte. W. Stirling,

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CERTIFICATES.

Awarded Supply Certificates.

No. 5927 Sergt. D. Stobie, "A" Coy. dated 6th Nov.
,, 5696 L. Cpl. C. Harkness, "E" ,, ,, 6th Nov.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

No 5129 Private H. McLean, "D" Coy.
,, 4984 ,, J. Douglas, "E" ,,
,, 4757 ,, R. Cullen "E" ,,

Extensions to complete 12 years' service.

No. 6538 Sergeant T. Memmott, "D" Company.

Extensions to complete 8 years' service.

No. 9304 Private J. Laird, "E" Company.

Extensions to complete 12 years' service on receiving a Bounty of Rs 225.

No. 6613 Lce. Cpl. C. Donaldson, "C" Coy.
,, 6553 ,, A. Mathieson, "C" ,,
,, 6424 Private J. Cowan, "E" ,,
,, 6457 ,, W. Capie, "E" ,,
,, 6391 Coporal W. Melville, "H" ,,
,, 6511 Private J. Lamie, "A" ,,
,, 6557 ,, J. Miller, "A" ,,
,, 5733 ,, J. Dawson, "H" ,,

Extension to complete 8 years' service on receiving furlough, etc.

No. 9063 Private W. Stewart, "C" Company.

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 9695 Private J. Broadhurst,
,, 9709 ,, G. Jack,
,, 9702 ,, T. McKee
,, 9748 ,, A. Wickham "G" ,,

} "H" Company.

ALLOTED REGIMENTAL NUMBERS.

No. 9936 to Private W. Bain, "A" Coy.
,, 9937 to ,, A. Kelly "A" ,,

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

On transfer from 2nd K.O.S.B.

Private W. Robinson, posted to "B" Company.

On transfer from 2nd Gordon Highlanders.

Private J. Roy, posted to "A" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

On transfer to Army Reserve in India.

No. 6327, Sergeant K. Fraser, "A" Company.

Invalids. Embarked in H. T. "Sicilly."

No. 7739, Private G. Slane, "H" Company.

Embarked on H. T. Plassey.

No. 5837, Private W. Lawrence, "F" Company.

On transfer to the Seaforth Highlanders:—

No. 8,408, Pte. A. G. Hendry, "G" Coy.

INTER-COMPANY TRANSFERS.

No. 6569, Sgt. D. McCallum, "A" to "B" Company.
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,, 2553, Pte. D. McKenna "H" to "G" ,,

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No. 7564, Pion.-Sergeant J. H. Snowdon, "G." Coy.

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,, 6746, ,, J. Wright.
,, 8157, Pte. L. Planner.
,, 9216, Piper A. Milton.

} From 22nd Nov. to 6th December.

,, 7198, Pte. T. Coyne. } 12-11-05 to 1-2-06
,, 7031, ,, W. McFadden, } 1-12-05 to 1-2 06.

Domestic Occurrences.

MARRIAGE.

BUCHANAN—DORAN.

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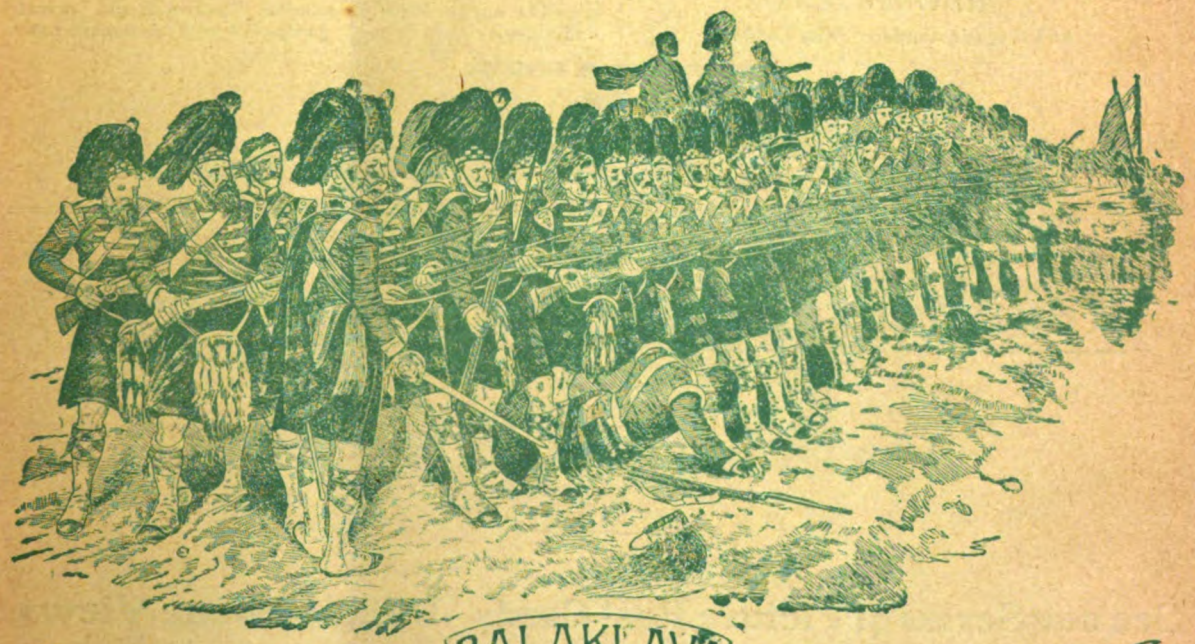

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SKIRLS

To its many readers, both old and young soldiers, *The Thin Red Line* sends hearty greetings for a prosperous 1906.

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The all prevailing topic of conversation during the month was the annual manœuvres, an account whereof will appear in our next issue. From the 11th to 19th December they lasted, and the concensus of opinion puts them down as the stiffest field operations the Ninety Third have recently tackled, being in some instances harder tests of endurance than were the famous Delhi Manœuvres.

The following appeared in Battalion Orders on our return to barracks:—"The Commanding Officer wishes to express to all ranks his appreciation of the work done by the battalion during manœuvres and of the ungrumbling manner in which they accepted the necessary hardships attached to them."

As the end of each year comes round the fact becomes more patent that the Christmas festivities are gaining in hold on the regiment, and on Christmas day being observed as a holiday, the barracks had in consequence, quite a festive appearance. A large number of visitors from other corps turned up, and the different institutes were well patronised.

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The following officers, students of the Indian Staff College, have been attached to the Ninety Third and posted to companies:—

Captain C. L. Gregory, 19th Lancers (Fane's Horse) to "A" Coy.

Captain G. Thomas, 2nd Lancers (Gardner's Horse) to "B" Coy.

Captain A. S. Capper, 39th Central Indian Horse, to "C" Coy.

Captain C. B. Stokes, 3rd (Skinner's) Horse to "G" Coy.

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At the examination for tactical fitness to command held in the beginning of the month, and during which the battalion went into bivouac, Major A. F. Mackenzie proved one of the successful candidates.

At a subsequent examination Lieutenant M. G. Sandeman passed in subject (*c*) for promotion to captain.

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Lieutenant H. M. Thomson, having completed his tour of duty at home, joined us during the

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month, while Lieutenant Oakes and 2nd Lieutenant de la Motte, (attached) have been posted to the 102nd Grenadiers and 114th Mahrattas respectively.

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Our respected bandmaster J. Walsh having been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, occasion was taken to present the decoration in presence of the battalion on parade on Friday morning. Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley Paterson, in making the presentation, referred in a eulogistic manner to the services Bandmaster Walsh had rendered in the Ninety Third.

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Major A. F. Mackenzie will attend the Royal Artillery Practice Camp at Aundh during the month of January.

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Schoolmistress Brooke having returned from leave in England has resumed charge of the Battalion School.

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We offer our congratulations to second Lieutenant Lord George Dundas on his marriage with Miss Ivy Winifred Hanley, daughter of the late Colonel Hanley, on 21st December 1905. The ceremony was performed by the Revd. H. Foote in the Cathedral, Bombay, and after the wedding, which was a very quiet one, the newly married couple left for Matheran, where they spent a short honeymoon.

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On the death of the late Queen Victoria an order was published at home that all medals bearing Her Majesty's head on them, should be worn with the head inwards. As that order does not seem to have been general it is now cancelled, and intimation made that the medal should be worn with the head outwards.

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The proposed scheme enabling the rank and file of the British Army in India to proceed on furlough to England having now been fully considered by the War Office, the following order has been published :—

The Commander-in-Chief is anxious to afford opportunity to well conducted men to obtain furlough to England at their own expense to see their friends, and has obtained the following reduced rates of passage from Bombay to Southampton and back. If four hundred to five hundred men are forthcoming, they will be conveyed to and from England on six months furlough, leaving India about first April and returning from England towards the end of September for £20 each, which will cover messing on board ship. Government bedding and hammocks will be provided for men for which a small charge might have to be recovered. Men will also have to pay own expense by rail, road and sea to and from ports of despatch and arrival. Though private passengers, they will have to perform routine customary on transports except watches and guards. Every N.C.O. and man must be of good character and have enlisted for more than three years or have extended their service and must on return from furlough have at least two years unexpired. Married men are ineligible. Passages to India for the wives of men permitted to marry whilst on furlough are not guaranteed though a few will probably be available. The cost of such passages will be £13-10-0 a head and must be paid before embarkation at Southampton.

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On Sunday 3rd December a special evening Service in commemoration of Saint Andrew's Day was held in St. Andrew's Church. Our Padre, the Rev. Alan Cant, B.Sc., B.D., officiated and to a large audience, mainly composed of members of the battalion, preached an interesting sermon on the occasion on which they were gathered together that night.

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From a Purandhar correspondent we learn that Second Lieutenant A. A. L. Campbell, who is in charge of the Ninety Third detachment, shot a fine panther recently. When measured it was found to be six feet ten and a half inches from tip to tip.

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By the mail we note that the Ninety First have been successful in the second round of the Army Cup, disposing of the Oxford Light Infantry, and that in the third round they have been drawn against the Depot Battalion R.E. We hope to hear of their continued success in the Competition.

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In a recent "Gazette" appears the appointment of Major (Brevet Lieutenant Colonel) D. Henderson of the Ninety First to be an Assistant Adjutant General and to be Brevet Colonel.

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The battalion have had the pleasure of a visit from an old Commanding Officer of the Ninety First in the person of Colonel V. Chater, who at one time served in this battalion.

Colonel Chater, who was the guest of Colonel Paterson, went round the different institutes, visited the Sergeants' Mess and shook hands with some of the members who had served under him. He watched the battalion on the usual drill parade and was very favourably impressed with the condition of the regiment.

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From Mr. J. Campbell of Kilberry, whom our readers are aware was at one time in the Ninety Third, the Editor has received an interesting letter regarding the changes in the lettering of com

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panies, regarding which some remarks have already appeared in our columns. As there seems to be some doubt regarding the fate of two companies, we hope to have the matter in order for an early number.

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With this number it was our intention to present several interesting photographs taken on the recent manœuvres, but owing to the fact that the process blocks are prepared in Calcutta, we have been unable to get them forward in time. We hope to produce them however with the next issue of The Thin Red Line.

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As our monthly supplement we reproduce the Photograph of the Members of the Sergeants' Mess taken a few weeks ago by Mr. P. Metzker, Photographer, Poona.

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The Shootin' o't

OR

A Good Bull Requires no Bush.

Dan'l Duck cam' up tae shoot,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't;
'Twas four o'clock or thereaboot,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't;
Took his togs and laid them doon,
Stretched himsel' upon the groon',
Turned his 'thoptics roon' and roon',
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't!

First he has tae paint his sicht,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't;
Shield his een baith frae the licht,
Ha, ha the shootin' o't;
Now along his barrel keeks;
Next a new position seeks;
Twists his coat and tugs his breeks,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't!

Hark! he's fired a shot at last,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't;
Though it's nearly twenty past,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't.
Looks he to the scorer who
Answers with the verdict true,
"*Mr. Duck—an outer—two!*"
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't!

Next tae him lies Jim Carstairs,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't!
Taks his gun and says his prayers,
Ha, ha, the shootin' o't;
Sets his sichts baith straight and full,
Gies his trigger one sharp pull,
Bang! the signal comes, a Bull!
Ha, ha the shootin' o't!

Sabre Tache,
Q.R.V.B.R.S. Chronicle.

The Boxing Tournament.

The Annual Boxing Tournament opened on the 27th of November, the preliminary contests being fought out in the Central Gymnasium. That the tournament throughout proved an unqualified success was evidenced by the fact that the large arena was crowded each night, and the heartiest congratulations are due to Sergeant-Major Ditcham and his staff of able assistants on the manner in which they catered for the amusement of, not only the regiment in general, but a goodly number of appreciative outsiders as well. Major General Richardson, Commanding the Poona Forces, and his staff were present on both evenings, as were also Colonel Stanley Paterson and the officers of the regiment in addition to many other officers of the Poona and Kirkee garrisons, and a number of civilian gentlemen, showing the great interest taken in the tournament. On the conclusion of the numerous and varied contests, General Richardson mounted the stage, and, before proceeding to distribute the prizes, in a few cheerful words told the spectators and contestants how much he appreciated the talent, and, in many cases the hard fought battles it had been his pleasure to witness on both evenings on which he was present. He also intimated that he would very much like to add a special prize of his own to one, who like him self, if not the oldest soldier present, was at least one of the oldest men, and who had that night fought a very plucky losing battle, namely Private Ritchie of the 93rd. He also congratulated Private Bridges of the same regiment on his abilities as a boxer of no mean order. Colonel Paterson replied in well chosen words, and called for hearty cheers from the men of the regiment, for General Richardson, the various competitors, and those who had so ably run what he was indeed pleased to say, was a very successful tournament.

Captain Umfreville, Superintendent of the Central Gymnasium, kindly lent his valuable services as referee, whilst Captain Rose, A.V.D., and Quarter Master Sergeant Chinnery, the latter also of the Gymnasium Staff, officiated in the capacity of judges, Mr. H. J. Illesley very ably performing the duties of timekeeper.

The first round of the Light Weights brought out Lce.-Corp. Fleming versus Private Hoddon, and was won by the former on points after a well contested fight.

In the second bout Private Watson beat Private Aiken under the same circumstances, the former punishing Aiken very severely, but the latter fought it out gamely, and was loudly cheered on the decision being given.

The fight between Lance Corporal Donohue and Lance Corporal Smith was a fine exhibition of

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slogging, hard hits and plenty of gore being very much in evidence. The bout was won by Donohue on points.

The contest between Lance Corporal Parry and Private Finlay was a rather uneven one owing to the long reach of the former, and it is all the more credit to him to say that he used it to the fullest advantage. Parry won on points.

LIGHT WEIGHTS 2ND ROUND.

Private McEwan v. Private Foster.

McEwan had all the fight to himself in the first round and hit Foster all over the ring. On time being called for the second round, Foster retired from the field, and the fight was awarded to McEwan.

Fleming v. Watson.

The first round was very evenly contested, neither doing much fighting. Watson slipped to the boards very frequently, owing to the slippery condition of the stage. In the second round Watson got home some heavy body blows, and marked Fleming's ribs pretty badly. The third round was merely a repetition of the second excepting the fact Fleming drew first blood. The judges decided in favour of Watson, and this verdict seemed to be unanimously accepted by the vociferous spectators. Altogether it was a hard and fast fight. Both were badly punished.

Lance Corporal Donohue v. Lance Corporal Parry.

Parry led with the left, and kept it up till the end of the round, Donohue scarcely getting home a blow. In the second round Donohue managed to square accounts a bit, but the third round was all in favour of Parry who was awarded the verdict on points.

Bridges v. Ritchie.

The former had easily the best of the first round, being the aggressor till time was called, and gave "Donald" a much needed blow. The second round found Bridges attacking again, but he was on several occasions repulsed, with some heavy blows on the left ribs from Ritchie. The latter came up for the third and last round looking very groggy, but evidently with every intention of having it out with his opponent. Bridges banged him all over the ring, and ultimately forced the old fighter to surrender before time was called. The spectators showed their appreciation of "Donald's" valour in a marked manner and gave him a hearty send off to the dressing tent. He was ably seconded by "Fighting Mac."

Watson v. McEwan.

At first both were steady, and feinted for an opening. Watson was the first to get in, and landed a stinger with the left on McEwan's jaw, then followed it up smartly with his right on the wind. McEwan missed a heavy swing for the jaw but recovered smartly and landed heavily on Watson's throat. The second round witnessed some heavy hitting on both sides, as they seemed to be playing for a knock out blow. The third round opened furiously, and both drew blood. Watson sent McEwan to the boards with a heavy swing on the jaw, and time was called. The judges were undecided as to which was the better man, and in the extra round which followed some desperate fighting was witnessed, both being floored in turn. McEwan threw Watson heavily to the boards from a clinch, for which a foul was claimed, but on the Referee's stentorian "Fight on," they went at it again. It was characterised by furious fighting and in the end the judges decided in favour of Watson.

Lance Corporal Parry v. Private Bridges.

The first round was rather tame, but Parry, owing to his advantages in height and reach, frequently got in with the left and had slightly the best of the round. In the round which followed Bridges went in for in-fighting, at which he showed to better advantage, and gave Parry a warm time of it. The third round was characterised by good clean hitting on both sides, but neither scored over the other. The judges again refused to decide, and called for an extra round. It opened briskly, and Bridges again resorted to his old tactics of mixing it up with Parry, and had the best of the close fighting. He proved to be the better man at this kind of work and eventually secured the verdict.

FINAL OF LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Watson v. Bridges.

The first round opened vigorously and Bridges got in a knockdown blow which evidently stunned Watson a little, but time was then called. He came up gamely enough for the second round, but, on Bridges getting home on the wind, Watson surrendered, leaving Bridges winner of the Light Weight competition, and himself second. Watson fought some stirring battles during the tournament, and although he was badly knocked about in the preliminaries proved a foe worthy of Bridges' steel. As a fresh competitor, the latter is to be congratulated on his success, which was well deserved.

FEATHER WEIGHT COMPETITION.

There were six entries in this weight, and the first bout was fought between Private Scott and Private Glennie. The first and second rounds were very tame, Glennie following Scott all round the ring and scored frequently on his ribs. The third round resolved itself in a fierce encounter, but again Glennie showed his superiority and secured the verdict on points.

In the second bout Fleming opposed Cameron, who proved himself a boxer of no mean order. This was a very interesting fight indeed, both showed some smart footwork, but Cameron had his opponent on the defensive nearly all the time,

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getting home and out of reach in a twinkling. Cameron won on points.

FEATHER WEIGHTS; SECOND ROUND.

Glennie v. Mitchell.

Mitchell forced the fighting from the start and landed some forcible body blows, Glennie came up for the second round, showing by the tell tale marks on his ribs that Mitchell had been there, but he fought gamely. In the third round Mitchell again assumed the offensive, and in the end was declared the winner of a very spanking fight.

Thomson v. Cameron.

Neither did much fighting in the first round, but treated the spectators to a pretty exhibition of footwork and feinting for an opening. In the second round Cameron altered his tactics, rushed his opponent in a spirited manner, and banged him from corner to corner. The third round opened in a like manner, Cameron rushing Thomson unmercifully, and eventually secured the verdict.

FINAL FEATHER WEIGHTS.

Cameron v. Mitchell.

The spectators naturally expected a stirring three rounds in this case, as both contestants had shown some good work in the preliminaries, and they were in no way disappointed in their expectations. Cameron in the first round adopted his old tactics of keeping away, feinting, and suddenly rushing in to plant a snorter, and leave his opponent to follow. This seemed to rile Mitchell, who followed his agile opponent all over the ring, but Cameron always very cleverly got out of difficulties. In the third and last round, Mitchell again rushed his opponent, and got home some beauties. He followed Cameron up in grand style, and although beaten back several times, had decidedly the best of the fight. He was awarded the verdict and secured first prize in the Feather Weight Competition for which we congratulate him. Cameron very deservedly gained second prize and is a fighter of no mean talent.

A Series of Contests were also inaugurated by Sergeant-Major Ditcham and his enegertic committee, an account of which we give below.

TEN ROUND CONTEST.

Private Reilly 93rd Highlanders v. Lance-Corporal Langthorne, 2nd East Lancashire Regiment.

1st Round:—This round opened in spanking style, both planting heavy blows, Reilly chiefly on the body and Langthorne on the jaw, which did not seem to affect Reilly in the least, while Langthorne looked a little puffy.

2nd Round:—Reilly immediately rushed his opponent, and had him very unsteady by repeated visitations on the wind. He banged at him unmercifully, heedless of the tremendous jabs he was himself getting on the jaw. Most of the spectators at this early stage of the fight, were under a very natural impression that the fight could not possibly last half the scheduled number of rounds, as it was anything but tame.

3rd Round:—Langthorne again swung for the jaw but missed, and Reilly again planted both dukes near his stomach. Both were looking staggery but Reilly looked the freshest of the two and kept pegging away in grand style.

4th Round:—This round was characterised by hard counter hitting, and it was a wonder to everybody how Reilly did not succumb to the tremendous blows which were being planted on such a vulnerable spot as the jaw, but he did not seem to mind them in the least. Three times in rapid succession did Langthorne smack him on that spot in this round, but Reilly returned in smart fashion on the stomach.

5th Round:—Reilly played for the stomach, and, getting home, had Langthorne nearly out; but the latter stood up bravely, taking his gruel like a true boxer. Their seconds were working hard to bring their men up to the scratch on the call of time, and deserve a word of praise.

6th Round:—Was a repetition of the previous two rounds. Both were badly mauled and showed outward signs of the severity of the fighting. Just before the call of time, Reilly got home a heavy blow on the jaw, which nearly did the trick.

7th Round:—A half minute of this round had gone when Reilly swung for the jaw but missed, and recovering smartly, closed with his opponent, and got in a half arm just under the heart. Langthorne went down heavily, and the timekeeper counted out the seconds. The fallen man tried to rise, turned half round, and collapsed again. He failed to rise to the call of time and Reilly was declared the winner of the hardest battle of the tournament. Reilly is to be congratulated on his win, and great credit is also due to Lance Corporal Langthorne for his plucky stand against such a rock as Reilly undoubtedly is.

SIX ROUND CONTEST.

Gunr. Pringle, R.F.A. v. Pte. Gray, 93rd Hrs.

1st Round:—Pringle immediately got going, and placed Gray on the defensive. Gray however refused his onslaughts, and countered every time. He was cautioned twice in this round for using an open glove, and this seemed to upset him a bit. However he fought well and gave his more experienced opponent a lively time.

2nd Round:—Pringle had slightly the best of it as far as the round went. Grey again, it appears, struck with an open glove, and was disqualified. We tender our sympathies to Gray, who, we have no doubt, would have made a fight of it.

3 ROUND CONTEST.

Boy Steedman V. Boy McKilligan.

1st Round:—McKilligan attacked at once, and

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evidently knew what he was about. Steedman, however, got in some good blows, and kept out of serious difficulties like an old stager.

2nd Round:—McKilligan again forced the pace and punished Steedman badly, but the latter made a plucky stand for one of his years. He surrendered in the third round.

6 Round Contest.

Private Orr V. Private Bell, 93rd Highlanders.

1st Round:—Was very evenly contested, a special feature being the footwork and feinting of both. If anything Orr had slightly the best of the round

2nd Round:—Similar to the first round, but altogether a pretty exhibition of point boxing.

3rd Round:—Bell had decidedly the best of this round, Orr swinging and missing very frequently, the former always managing very cleverly to get out of reach.

4th Round:—Another good round of which Bell had the best; Orr seemed to be trying very rightly to take every advantage of his abnormal reach, but Bell baulked him in this and very wisely kept to close quarters.

5th Round:—This round resolved itself into a ding-dong give and take sort of arrangement, and there was not much to draw between the fighters.

6th Round:—This round was undoubtedly the best of the lot, and it was in this that Bell had by far the best of his opponent, although Orr also had a good look in. It was a good exhibition of point boxing all through and was slightly in favour of Bell who secured the verdict.

6 Round Contest.

Private Kelly, Connaught Rangers, v. Lce. Corpl. Hempseed, 93rd Highlanders.

1st Round:—Hempseed had easily the best of exchanges and some very hard hitting was witnessed. Both men seemed to be manœuvering for a knock out, and the spectators were in a fever of excitement, expecting it to come every minute.

2nd Round:—This was also a spirited round, neither man being spared as regards blows. Kelly tried for the body but Hempseed parried beautifully. It was nearing the end of the round when Kelly got into close quarters, and hit out blindly. No one was more surprised than himself when Hempseed went down with a hit on the point of the jaw, and, failing to rise in time, was counted out. Kelly was awarded the fight. According to authorities on the subject of the noble art it was a lucky hit (for Kelly) and we wish Lance Corporal Hempseed better luck next time.

Six Rounds Exhibition Sparring, (American Vigorous Style).

Pte. Murray, 2nd East Lancashire Regiment versus Pte. McDonald, 93rd Highlanders.

(Each man to receive Rs. 100).

This was probably one of the finest exhibitions of glove fighting that perhaps it has been the pleasure of the lover of the sport to witness in this country, and particularly in a regimental tournament. It was also to say the least, unique, and afforded a treat to those who love boxing in all its phases. McDonald seemed to be thoroughly acquainted with all the intricacies of the art, and treated the spectators to some startling surprises. His opponent Murray retaliated in a manner which clearly showed that he also had been initiated into the mysteries of the game, as game it seemed to be pure and simple. We don't and won't pretend to know much about this fantastical American introduction ourselves, but those who had the pleasure of witnessing their departure from the style which they are used to seeing, will say that McDonald held a distinct advantage over his less enlightened opponent in all the rounds, and forced him to throw up the sponge on the 5th round being called. Both men were heartily applauded.

3 Round Contest.

Boy Campbell v. Boy Davie, 93rd Highlanders

Boy Campbell was slightly bigger and heavier than his opponent, but it is only fair to say that he fought very well for a younsgter, and may make his mark (no pun intended) in boxing circles some day. He boxed fairly well, and showed that he knew both how to attack and defend. Davie showed up very well too and may have given his more bulky opponent some warm minutes, had he not been handicapped in both height and weight. Although battered and knocked about pretty much he fought till the last, and lost on points.

10 Round Contest.

Lce.-Corpl. McManus, Connaught Rangers versus Lce.-Corpl. Mullholland, 93rd Highlanders

1st Round:—Both at once jumped to attack and lost no time in getting to business. Heavy blows were given and exchanged and a knockout was momentarily expected. Time was called, however, both having felt each others gloves on some part of body or face.

2nd Round:—Also started briskly, Mullholland having distinctly the best of it in the opening exchanges. He got in a spanker at last somewhere about the head which completely floored his opponent. McManus failed to rise in time and Mullholland was awarded the fight.

6 Round Contest.

Sergt. Markey v. Pte. Broadfoot 93rd Highlanders.

1st Round:—Opened cautiously, both feinting and returning several times, until Markey found an opening and smacked Broadfoot's jaw vigourously, then the hitting started in ding dong fashion, until time was called with Markey slightly best.

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2nd Round:—Was rather even and both cautious, Broadfoot was the first to attack, but was repulsed. Again he came to close quarters, and planted one on Markey's jaw which made the latter wince.

3rd Round:—This round was slightly in favour of Broadfoot, Markey getting some severe jabs on the throat and body.

4th Round:—Markey assumed the aggressive in this round, and served three times in rapid succession on the jaw. Broadfoot tried to rush matters a bit and managed a couple of rib-roasters, when some heavy body blows sent him back.

5th Round:—It was in this round that Markey fought all he knew, and slogged his opponent in a manner which Broadfoot did not relish. However the latter gave his more agile opponent many a nasty one in return, and many even thought at this stage, that he even looked a likely winner.

6th Round:—Both men were showing signals of distress, but continued to fight in a gallant manner. They stuck to it gamely to the bitter end, and altogether the spectators were of the opinion that it was rather an even fight, and fully expected another round on the call of time. The judges however thought different, and awarded the fight to Sergeant Markey on points.

It was a rattling, dashing battle, and both winner and loser were loudly cheered. This contest closed a most successful tournament.

A feature worthy of special note is the fact that Lce.-Cpl. Wright of "E" Coy. seconded no less than four of the principal winners, namely, Pte. McDonald, winner of the six rounds exhibition sparring, Pte. Reilly, who beat Lce.-Cpl Langthorne, in a seven round contest, Lce.-Cpl. Mullholland, who knocked out Lce.-Cpl. McManus in a ten round fight, and Boy Campbell, who beat Boy Davie in a three round bout. This fact speaks well for Wright's valuable services as a second.

The only regretable incident which we have to chronicle in connection with the tournament was the non-appearance of Dawson of the R.F.A. who was advertised to fight McDonald of the 93rd in a 20 round bout for a side stake of Rs. 500. This was considered to be the main attraction in the tournament, and though everyone was very much disappointed we are all sure it was no fault of "Fighting Mac's." Dawson was the challenger in this case and McDonald was ready to stake the money any time. The rumour regarding his being unfitted to fight was without foundation, and it is more the pity that Dawson did not put up his money. McDonald is willing to fight him any time, and on any terms.

Extract from a letter to Pte. McDonald from the Editor of the Sporting Times:—

DEAR SIR,

Sam Newman will, as desired, fight you in February Race Week.

I am authorised on his behalf to fit articles and put up a deposit.

Will you please let me have your ideas early?

Yours Truly,
C. H. ELLIS,
Editor.

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ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE DEPOT.

FROM THE "STIRLING SENTINEL."

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught visited Stirling in his capacity of Inspector-General of the Forces, and it was greatly to be regretted that the weather was of the most wretched description, rain falling heavily all afternoon, while the outlook was of the bleakest description. So much, however, was his Royal Highness occupied in his work of inspection that the weather conditions mattered little. He was engaged for over two hours in reviewing the troops, looking over the buildings, and inspecting the regimental institutes, but for the greater part of the time the party was under cover. Accompanying the Duke as aides-dé-camp were Brigadier-General Sir John Maxwell and Major Murray, and there was also a large representation of staff and other officers, including General Sir Charles Tucker, Commanding the Troops in Scotland; Colonel A. H. B. Cavaye, Assistant Military Secretary, Edinburgh; Colonel A. G. Churchill, Assistant Adjutant-General, Edinburgh; Colonel L. A. Hope, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Edinburgh; Major G. S. Cavaye, record officer, Perth; Brigadier-General F. McBean, C.V.O., C.B., in charge of the Highland Group, Perth, &c. His Royal Highness and staff drove to the Castle, where they were met by Colonel J. M. Hunt and the officers of the Depot, *viz.*, Major Aytoun, D.S.O., Captain Moulton Barrett, Captain Darroch, Captain Beattie, Lieutenant Thomson, and Lieutenant Sceales. After lunch, which was taken in the officers' mess, His Royal Highness reviewed the troops on the Esplanade, but the proceedings here were very brief, an adjournment being made to the shelter of the gymnasium, a building erected in the old moat of the Castle a few years ago. His Royal Highness wore his Field Marshal's uniform with greatcoat. The number of troops on parade was 159 with seven officers. Drill order was the rule for dress for all ranks. His Royal Highness made a very critical inspection, and appeared to be entirely satisfied. As he went down the ranks he addressed himself individually to nearly all the men, questioning them as to their nationality, service, and kindred matters. After three-quarters of an hour thus spent, the party proceeded to make an inspection of the barrack rooms, recreation rooms, canteen, etc., which were all found in excellent order. In the Commanding Officers' room, His Royal Highness had a brief interview with Mr. M'Kenzie, travelling secretary of the Y.M.C.A., in connection with the work carried on by the organisation at the camps held during the summer. Returning to the gymnasium, the party witnessed several squads of recruits at gymnastic excercises, and the thorough character of the training here imparted was fully demonstrated. Subsequently His Royal Highness visited the Argyll and Sutherland Memorial Home, the Military Hospital, and the Military Prison for Scotland, the tour of inspection terminating shortly before five o'clock. His Royal Highness afterwards dined in the County Club, and left at nine o'clock for London. The other officers dined in the Station Hotel.

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Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

No. 2039, DRUM-MAJOR JOHN RATTRAY.

Enlisted 16th November, 1846, for the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, and owing to the regiment being at that time in Canada, joined No. 2 Depot Battalion at Naas, Kildare, to which the depot of the 93rd was attached. He is one of the survivors of the guard of honour to the late Queen Victoria at Aberdeen in 1849, a distinction which he now shares with Colour-Sergeant Alexander Ross. He accompanied the regiment to the Crimea and took part in the battles of the Alma and Balaklava, being bugler to Sir Colin Campbell at the latter famous battle. Was promoted Drum-Major to the regiment while in the Crimea and served throughout the whole of the Siege of Sebastopol and the other operations in which the 93rd took part. He also served with the battalion during the suppression of the Indian Mutiny, taking part in the Relief and Capture of Lucknow and the various other operations included in the 93rd's share of the Campaign. He also served in the Umbeyla Campaign of 1863 with the battalion. Has the following decorations:—Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol; Turkish medal; Indian Mutiny medal with clasps for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow; Indian Frontier medal with clasp for Umbeyla; the Long Service and Good conduct medal; and the medal for meritorious service;

six hard-earned clasps;—a record for any man to be proud of. He was Drum-Major of the Ninety-Third for twelve and a half years and went home for discharge in 1867 when the regiment was on the march from Sialkote to Jhansi, being finally discharged on the 4th February 1868 after a service of over twenty-one years. The veteran Drum-Major was a Light company man until he was awarded the Regimental Staff. He is a native of Cupar Fife, and is now 77 years of age. Since his discharge Mr. Rattray has been employed in the Paper-works of Penicuik for the long period of thirty-one years, retiring only a few years ago. Mr. Rattray who is now, probably, the veteran Drum-Major of the British Army, as well as one of the oldest veterans of the 93rd, is still in fairly good health, although it is only recently since he recovered from a severe illness. He is without doubt one of the most interesting links with the glorious past of the Ninety-Third, and as such the younger generation of his old Regiment acclaim the gallant old veteran.

Obituary.

No. 9748 Private A. F. Wickham.

"G" Company.

It is with sincere regret we have to chronicle the passing away of a member of the battalion in the person of Private Wickham, whose death occurred at Kirkee on Wednesday 27th December, from an attack of pneumonia occasioned through a cold contracted at the beginning of the recent manœuvres. Deceased, who was of a quiet disposition, enlisted in the Ninety-Third at Poona in April last, and had almost attained 21 years of age. He was a son of Captain Wickham, Ordnance Department, Kirkee, to whom the sympathy of the regiment is tendered.

The funeral was largely attended, the Band and Pipes journeying from Poona to take part in the ceremony.

Colour Sergeant James Morrison.

Late 93rd Highlanders.

We deeply regret having to record the death of this fine old Crimean and Mutiny Veteran which occurred at Beauly at few weeks ago. The funeral, which was the largest seen in Beauly for many years, was a full military one, the coffin being carried by a detachment of Lovat's Scouts and preceded by a large body of local volunteers. As an interesting interview with Colour Sergeant Morrison appeared in our October number we will not repeat the splendid record of his services, but can only mourn the loss of yet one more survivor of that never-dying memory, the Thin Red Line.

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Home and Depot Notes.

From the *Military Mail* we learn that the Ninety First had a great reception by the townspeople of Chatham on their arrival at that station. Lieutenant Colonel Wolrige Gordon commanded in the absence of Colonel Urmston on leave and though the battalion is only 500 strong they shewed to fine advantage. They were met by the bands of the R.E., R.M.L.I., and O.L.I., andp layed to their barracks.

Since then they have been the recipients of various acts of hospitality at the hands of the different corps in Chatham and from all reports appear to be very popular.

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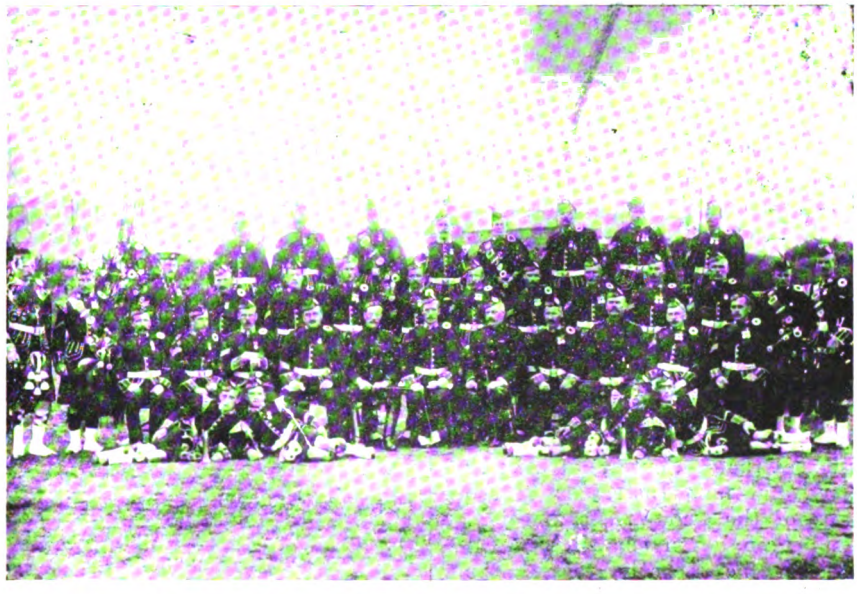
We regret to hear of the death, at Stirling, of Quarter-Master Sergeant Edward Martin, after a prolonged illness. Deceased was a well known personality and much respected throughout the district, his quiet unassuming manner making him a favourite wherever he went. The funeral, which went to Glasgow, was largely attended not only by the members of the Stirling mess but by comrades from the different Permanent Staffs of the Regimental District. Much sympathy is felt for his widow in her bereavement.



Permanent Staff, 4th Bn. Arg. & Suth. Highlanders.

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Sergeant Major Beattie presided over a very large turn out of officers, sergeants and guests at the Annual Sergeants' Mess Dinner of the 3rd V. B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, held in Ferguson and Forrester's in Buchanan St., Glasgow, on Saturday, 4th November. A substantial and well served repast was partaken of, after which "the King" having been duly honoured, the presentation of a gold albert, with a badge which bore a suitable inscription, was made to C. S. I. Dickson, of the Cathcart company who has taken his discharge to pension. The chairman made the presentation and C. S. I. Dickson in a very soldierly manner thanked the members of the Sergeants' Mess for the good feeling they had invariably shown to him during his long connection with the corps as an instructor. The speeches were excellent. Colonel Campbell commanding the battalion, Captain and Adjutant Lang, and Sergeant Major Beattie being among those who distinguished themselves. An important item on the programme was the presentation of the Perrier-Jouet cup to the battalion by Captain Kerr, 4th Scottish Rifles, on behalf of the donor. Captain Kerr also presented the medals to the officers and sergeants who composed the team. The two line battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were represented by Colour-Sergeant Matthews, 1st Battalion, & Colour-Sergeant Lockie, 2nd Battalion. Most of the Sergeant-Instructors of the 3rd V. B. A. and S. H. (better known perhaps as the 3rd Renfrew) have belonged to one or both of the line battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Sergeant-Major A. Beattie, C. S. Instr. T. Swan, and C.S. Instr. R. Miller served with the 2nd Battalion and C.S. Instrs. J. Dickson, W. Maxwell and A. Wilson, with both battalions. C. S. Instr. Patterson of the Barrhead company hails from the Royal marines.

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C. S. Instructor Skinner, 1st Dumbartonshire R. V. had a very narrow escape recently at Milngavie owing to a fire which spread to his residence from an adjoining building. Sergeant Skinner was at home and his wife was ill in bed at the time, when he and his wife, with bed and all his furniture were precipitated to the lower flat. The Sergeant scrambled out with cuts on his face while Mrs. Skinner was rescued with scarcely any

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bruises, but a severe shock to her system. A lamentable feature of the affair was the death of a workman who was buried amongst the ruins.

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We understand that Colour Sergeant J. Sutherland of the Ninety-First has been promoted Quarter-Master Sergeant of the Depot in place of the late Quarter-Master Sergeant Martin. "Joe" as he is popularly known, is a native of Sutherlandshire and served with distinction throughout the South African Campaign, being mentioned in despatches at the Battle of Paardeberg.

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The unveiling of the memorial to the officers and men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who fell during the South African Campaign was expected to have taken place this month, but the event has for some reason or other been postponed. It is probable that some date in April will be found convenient for the ceremony. Colour-Sergeant Mathews was the artist's model for the principal figure and Colour-Sergeant W. Inglis for the smaller figure.

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A mural tablet to the memory of the Non-Commissioned officers and men of the 4th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Paisley Militia) is shortly to be erected in Paisley Abbey. The tablet, which has been provided by subscriptions amongst the officers of the battalion, is estimated to cost between £400 and £500. It will be 12 feet by 8 feet broad and will have at the top the colours of the regiment, while underneath will be inscribed the names of those who fell.

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Colour-Sergeant Instructor Soutar, an old flag of "F" Company, and now Instructor of the Elderslie Company of the 2nd V.B.A. and S.H. is still keeping up his reputation as a shot. In a handicap competition he recently topped the scoring for the Kilbarchan (Kirkland,) challenge cup, and also secured a brand new watch presented by a local gentleman.

Musketry.

The Queen Victoria Cup.

As the majority of the N.C.O.s and men who had been practising for the above cup were proceeding to the Meerut meeting, opportunity was taken to fire off the contest in November. Unfortunately a nasty crossing breeze sprung up just after the start and considerably handicapped the team at 200 yards, and only exceptional care at the other distances prevented us returning a bad score. In the circumstances the team did well, but the results support the view held by many, that the short rifle is not so conducive to consistent accuracy as the old rifle fitted with a windguage.

Below are given the scores and from them it will be seen that the average is nearly three points below that of last year.

	200 yards.	500 yards.	600 yards.	Total.
Sergeant J. Dougall.	27	34	30	91.
Cr. Sergeant J. Tyndall.	27	30	30	87.
Sergeant J. Ogg.	26	31	31	88.
,, D. Stobie.	31	28	28	87.
Corporal J. McKinlay.	27	29	30	86.
Sergeant W. Scott.	32	28	24	84.
Cr. Sergeant J. Ewan.	30	26	26	82.
Captain W. Tweedie.	27	28	24	79.
	227	234	223	684
Averages...	28.3	29.2	27.8	85.5

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The Army Inter-Company Match.

The last week of November found the various company teams practising for this match and without delay the competition proper was gone on with. The weather conditions were not quite satisfactory, a varying breeze sweeping the range. The following are the scores of the different teams and the names of the two best companies.

"A" Company. 600 yards 48 hits; 500 yards 50 hits; Total 98.

Team. Lce. Cpl. Munro, Privates Clanahan, Wilson, Brown, Cunnion, Durick, Drain, and Campbell. *Commander*, Cr. Sergeant Clarke.

"C" Company. 600 yards 43 hits; 500 yards 48 hits; Total 91.

Team. Corporal McKinlay, Lce. Cpls Donaldson, Downs and Carlyle, Bandsman Yeo, Privates McKinnon, Shields and Bell. *Commander*, Cr. Sergeant McMaster.

"G" Coy.	600 yards	27.	500 yards	52.	Total 79
"F" ,,	,,	34	,,	33	,, 67
"B" ,,	,,	37	,,	29	,, 66
"H" ,,	,,	27	,,	39	,, 66
"D" ,,	,,	35	,,	28	,, 63
"E" ,,	,,	20	,,	19	,, 39

The Meerut Meeting.

On the whole the representatives of the battalion who proceeded to Meerut did fairly well, nearly all of them figuring in the prize list at one time or another. Sergeants Ogg and Stobie kept up their average so well that they secured 16th and 17th places respectively in the aggregate.

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Round the Bungalows.

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When the conversation in the canteen "school" gets a bit slow, an almost sure subject to crop up is the destination of the regiment next trooping season. From Poona to Peshawar is a long cry but it's nothing to some of the places to which I have been assured, on first class authority, we are going. When some unlikely station is mentioned, a common reason given is that we've never been there before, so on the same grounds I suggest as a possible successor to Poona—we go to Lhassa.

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From a correspondent in that place, beloved of the canine tribe, Kasauli, I have a good yarn concerning a well known character presently in the battalion. The scene was the hospital ward and the time nine p.m. rounds. Assistant Surgeon in charge,—"I say Jock, you don't drink, do you?"

Jock,—"Na, na, sir; a' dinna drink ava; a'm a Rechabite."

Assistant Surgeon,—"Good lad—I'm glad to hear it."

Twenty-four hours later, Jock having the appearance of one who had been "running the cutter" on a flying visit to the Canteen.

Assistant Surgeon,—"I say, Jock, I thought you told me you were a Rechabite."

Jock,—"Me, sir! Weel sae a' wis, bit a'm a *dug-bite* noo, sae haud yer wheest man, an' gie's a chance. A'm faur frae hame."

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As the years roll on, and manœuvres come and go, incidents crop up which in themselves are scarcely worth a moment's thought, but sometimes the circumstances surrounding them cause them to be witnessed in a vein which makes them mete copy for the amateur correspondent. Such a story is one told of a corporal well known for his "Heilan'" way of putting things. The battalion was in bivouac and silent as the grave. About two a.m. this individual wakened and peering out of his blanket abode looked around the camp so quiet in the silvery moonlight of an Indian night. He was so impressed with the beauty and solemnity of the scene that he got up, crossed over to the bivouac of one of his section whom he knew carried a camera, shook him up, and on the astonished photographer rubbing his eyes and asking where the enemy were, calmly suggested to him the advisibility of taking a picture of the camp.

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"*Names should be invented, etc.*" (Combined Training, S 35-8). Quite possibly the foregoing is good enough authority for the many changes made by the rank and file in the names of some of the camps on the recent manœuvres. It was quite refreshing to hear several "Hielanders" freely discoursing of "Kate McCann's," "Loni," "Sick report" and so on. Some places of which the names were unknown, were "christened" with such "appropriateness" that it would be unwise to chronicle them here.

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A teetotaler writes asking if I can tell him what became of his free pint of "yill" during the manœuvres. Curiously enough I can just answer that question, as while waiting to be served at one of the issues referred to, I heard a comrade say that although he was not a teetotaler he knew of no reason why he should not assist in putting down drink, so I expect that is where my correspondent's pint went.

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Overhead in the "T.A." the other night.

"The manœuvres should have lasted till the 21st but as the battalion had drunk up all the wells and *rivers*, there was no more water to drink."

Truly, the thirst must have been awful.

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Consequent upon the formation of a new ministry at home and the prospect of a general election, the following authenticated "rumours" have reached Poona through the medium of the (very) local press.

MONDAY. The Liberal Government has resolved not to increase the soldiers' emoluments. In future it will therefore be termed the "mean" government.

TUESDAY. As "C.B." will be a prominent feature of the new Cabinet, it will still continue to be a prominent feature in the Army.

WEDNESDAY. The Editor of "Truth" has accepted the office of Secretary of State for War. We hope it will be for "better" and not for, "waur."

THURSDAY. This day wil remain a holiday for the Indian Army. No paradles, except manœuvres drill or ceremonial, will take place on it.

FRIDAY. The army is to be abolished—all N.C.O.s and men presently serving to retire on half-pay.

SATURDAY. The army will *not* be abolished. The terms of engagement will be: short service—six weeks; long service—forty-two years.

"*White Heckler.*"

A little boy, on his return from a prayer meeting, astonished his mother by saying the preacher had announced that if any of the congregation had lost a purse "they might go to Hell an' hunt for it." As the boy persisted in his statement, the mother made inquiries and found that Helen Hunt had found a purse, and that the loser should go to her.

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The Christmas and New Year Festivities.

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The first and foremost of the seasonable gatherings was the Annual Entertainment to the married folks of the battalion held in the regimental theatre on the Tuesday after Christmas day. The preparations this year were in the hands of our worthy Quartermaster and Mrs. Lundie, and right well did they cater, not only for the younger members of the regiment but for the respective fathers and mothers as well.

At 4-30 p.m. the guests commenced to arrive and were received by Colonel and Mrs. Paterson, assisted by Lieutenant and Mrs. Lundie, and in a very short period everyone was enjoying the entertainment laid out for them. Roundabouts for the bairns and some very clever native fakirs to amuse the elders passed the time all too quickly, and when darkness set in and the glories of the Christmas tree unfolded, the hearts of the children must have been indeed in a state of excitement. Toys, not one but many, were there for all, and the grown ups were not forgotten. Mrs. Paterson as usual made the distribution and was ably seconded by Mrs. Vallancey, Mrs. Glasfurd, and Mrs Lundie. During the evening the Band discoursed appropriate airs, and on concluding with hearty cheers for Colonel and Mrs. Paterson, everyone present was unanimously of the opinion that the treat was one of the best.

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SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH.

On the Friday evening the Christmas Social Gathering and tree were held in the Church Compound. A good many of the civilian members of the congregation were present in addition to the children of the members of the regiment. The time until the dismantling of the tree was enjoyably passed by all, and after the toys had been handed round by the Rev. Alan and Mrs. Cant the evening's entertainment came to a close.

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THE NEW YEAR.

Being Sunday night, everything was respectably quiet until the first stroke of the gong, when Nineteen hundred and six was ushered in with the usual ceremonies peculiar to Scotsmen. The Band and Pipes played round barracks and first footing was largely indulged in.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess assembled a few minutes before midnight. Shortly after, the Officers, headed by Captain McCandlish in the absence of Colonel Paterson on leave, arrived. On the call of Sergeant Major Ditcham the health of the officers of the regiment was toasted with Highland honours by the members, and after several songs and a story or two told by the Honourable Mr. Bruce in his *own* style, Captain McCandlish replied in a very racy speech. The officers then reciprocating the toast, the "wee short 'oor" was wiled away in song and story, and about three a.m. all departed on the usual first footing expeditions.

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The Annual Proclamation parade was of short duration, "our civilian friends and acquaintances" being disappointed in the way of a march past, the troops returning to Barracks after the *feu de joie*.

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The Company dinners were all voted successful, the decorations being on a more elaborate scale than usual. The walls of the bungalows were tastefully covered with the usual seasonable greetings, many of them sporting a Gaelic sentence several yards long. A popular greeting appeared to be "Lang may ye'r lum reek."

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The temperance bodies connected with the regiment indulged in a dinner all to themselves, most of the members sitting down together in the R.A.T.A. rooms. A good repast having been "seen off" an adjournment was made until the evening when a social tea and concert was successfully carried through, and a good many of the married folks turned up in answer to the invitations given by the working committee, Messrs. McIntosh and T. Scrymgeour, who are to congratulated on an enjoyable evening spent by all present.

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The social event of the "bringing in" was the Dance given by the members of the Band in the Regimental Gymnasium. Dancing commenced at half past nine, and thanks to the offices of Bandmaster Walsh who acted as M.C. everyone was highly delighted with the night's enjoyment.

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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

During the month Colour Sergeant Tyndall and Sergeants J. McQueen and Ballantyne embarked in the Assaye for home, the first named on being posted to the Renfrewshire Volunteers and the two latter to the Militia. Before leaving, Colour Sergeant Tyndall was the recipient of an expression of good will from the N.C.O's and men of "B" Company in the form of a case of pipes and cigars.

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Congratulations to Colour Sergeant J. Durnan, an old "flag" of "D" Company on his promotion to Quarter Master Sergeant.

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Sergeant A. A. Wallace has taken over the pay duties of "B" Company consequent upon Colour Sergeant Tyndall's departure.

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Sergeant T. Memmott has been appointed Garrison Provost Sergeant on Sergeant McQueen proceeding home.

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Letter to the Editor.

With reference to the paragraph which appeared in our September issue regarding the additional honor shewn on some old prints of the Regimental Colour, we have very much pleasure in publishing the following letter from an old officer of the Ninety-Third, who is generally recognised as an authority on the history of the Regiment.

THE INDIAN MUTINY REGIMENTAL COLOUR.

To The Editor,
"The Thin Red Line."

SIR,

I think I can explain how the 93rd veterans of the Mutiny come to possess a copy of a drawing of what purports to be the present Regimental Colour with *seven* "honours" on it, instead of *five*, as mentioned under your heading of "Scottish Echoes" in the last September number of your paper.

There was a strong feeling throughout all ranks of the old 93rd, as well as in Sir Colin's force generally, that injustice had been done to the corps, and to its individual members, as well as to all the other corps which were present, when the clasps for individuals and the "honours" for the Colours, were announced at the termination of the Indian Mutiny Campaigns,—on our learning that no distinctive "honours" had been awarded for both the *Relief* and the *Capture* of Lucknow, and none for the battle of Cawnpore and defeat of the Gwalior Contingent, nor for the battle of Bareli; likewise that no clasps were awarded for the battle of Cawnpore, a victory which, it is admitted, broke the back of the Mutiny; nor for the battle of Bareli, which, it is also admitted, broke the back of the rebellion and Mutiny in the North West Provinces.

There is no doubt that the "honours" and clasps were thus most unjustly withheld from us for the Cawnpore victory, owing to the drubbing the Gwalior Contingent administered to General Windham's force there, before we could get back from the Relief of Lucknow to their assistance, and to the reluctance of the authorities to issue a clasp to us, and at the same time to have to withhold it from Windham's men who were so badly defeated there. Nevertheless that was most unjust to Sir Colin Campbell's force.

Bareli, I believe, was simply overlooked; Sir Colin never pressed for either honours or prize money withheld from his men, as Sir Charles Napier invariably did, and so no "honours" were gazetted for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow respectively, nor for Cawnpore nor Bareli; neither were clasps issued for Cawnpore nor Bareli; moreover the 93rd Highlanders lost many thousand pounds of prize money, which was our just due, because Sir Colin "*couldna' be fashed*," I fancy, to fight the Indian Government for it.

As more than *forty years* elapsed before medals and clasps were issued for the Peninsula War, perhaps the survivors amongst us who took part in the above mentioned actions during the Mutiny campaigns, may receive the clasps some *sixty years* after, that is to say, some ten years hence, and the Regimental Colour the "honours" that are due; at least, that would only be a tardy act of justice, when one comes to think of the pottering little wars subsequently waged by the British Army, for which stars and crosses as well as medals and clasps, and "honours" too for Colours—which by the way, are now left locked up at home,—have been literally showered down!

I do not know when the two "honours" were added for Lucknow to the old Mutiny Regimental Colour, having joined the Irregular Cavalry when the 93rd marched from Oudh to quarters at Subatu in the hills, and I served with the Irregulars for about two years, but no doubt one of the Lt.-Colonels commanding had them added to the other "honours" on the Regimental Colour, just as Colonel Stisted did with that for Ambela (Umbeyla), *at the tailors shop*, on our return to Sialkot from the Yusofzie campaign.

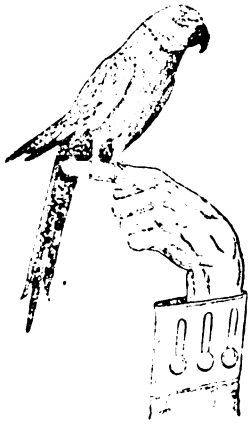
However, none of the numerous inspecting Brigadiers or Generals of Division, from the time that these additions were thus made to the Regimental Colour, until they were handed over to the Duchess of Sutherland and Countess of Cromarty, in the Queen's Park, Edinburgh, on the 4th August 1871, to be deposited in Dunrobin Castle, ever found fault with them, most probably holding, that if there was no official authority for them, THERE OUGHT TO BE.

It is clear therefore, that as the veterans had seen them on the old Colour, they must have concluded, that they were, or *ought to be*, on all succeeding Regimental Colours.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. G. A., late 93rd Highlanders.

St. Andrew's Night, 1905.

What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT we've been leevin' in vera tryin' times.
That it's din the manœuvres.
That the manœuvres gey near din it.
That it had a graun' thirst.
That the garrison lamp cam' in gey haundy,
That a wheen o' the auld yarns wer' resurrected.
That the auld corps kept up it's guid name.
That he wid jist sit in the minlicht till the moon cam' up
That his horse lifted its twa paws.
That it's Purandhar kisen his been busy lately.
That it his bin hearin' things.
That it was a bonnie panther.
That their band is a piano an' a mooth organ.
That the officers' ball wis a graund affair.
That pink ribbon and chocolate is gey scarce on the hill.
That they paraded tae pu' flooers fur the Prince o' Wales.
That it his a frien' in Kirkee tae.
That he wis *seein'* things.
That if this train hid been at hame it wad hae been in Kirkee bi' this time.
That the dress was "jacket and white tartans."
That he's no a big eater, bit he likes a lot at yince.
That the train made as much noise as an engin'.
That the order wis tae advance thirty or *twenty* paces a the most.
That he will meet us in Secundrabad.
That "E" Company hae an author in their midst.
That he wis writin' his autobiography.
That he wis the window cleaner.
That the tips o' his heels had rubber pads on them.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for February 1906.

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1 Th. Fategarh for Cawnpore with Hope's Brigade, 1858. Left Durband, Eusofzaie, for Sialkote, 1864. (End of Umbeyla Campaign.)
2 F. Arrived Bareilly from Kushalgarh, encamping on Maidan, 1898, (from Tochi Field Force.) Annual Inspection by Major-General Sir W. H. Meiklejohn, Bareilly, 1900.
3 S. Conclusion of Annual Inspection, 1900.
4 S. General William Wemyss of Wemyss *d.* Colonel, 1822. Moved into Barracks at Bareilly in Relief of Wing, Cameronians, 1898.
5 M.
6 Tu.
7 W. Re-embarked New Orleans. preparatory to returning to England, 1815. Arrived Cawnpore with Hope's Brigade, 1858. Arrived Mian Mir from Umballa, 1894.
8 Th. Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Hyslop, Bart., G.C.B., Colonel 1822 Inter-Company Cricket Tournament, 1900, Clock won by "B" Coy.
9 F. Final Football League, 1897-98. Won by "F" Company.
10 S. Robert Dale, Lieut.-Colonel, 1814.
11 S.
12 M. Wing arrived Unao, escorting siege train; Indian Mutiny Campaign, 1858.
13 Tu. Annual Inspection by Brigadier General Sir W. H. Meiklejohn, Bareilly, 1899.
14 W. Embarked H. M. Indian Transport "*Jumna*" Bombay 1870. Annual Inspection by Brigadier General Ellis, Nowshera, 1896
15 Th. Left Bombay for home, 1870; strength 22 Officers, 520 non commissioned officers and men, 49 women, 33 children. Colonel McBean, V.C., relinquished command, 1878; retired with rank of Honorary Major-General. Annual Inspection Nowshera, 1896.
16 F. Establishment increased from 750 to 850 rank and file, 1852. William Wallingford Knollys, Lieut.-Colonel, 1878. Draft of 150 N.C.O's. and men left Fort William for active service with the 1st Battalion in South Africa, 1902.
17 S. Outbreak of Cholera at Fort William, six deaths, 1902.
18 S. Inter-Company Physical Drill Competition, 1899; won by "C" Company.
19 M.
20 Tu. Colonel Robert Spark *d.* Elgin, 1852, after 45 years' service in 93rd; Lorenso Rothe, Lieut. Colonel. Left jungles of Oudh for Sabathu, 1859. (End of Mutiny Campaign.) Right. Wing left Bareilly for Shajahanpur, 1899. Inspected by H. E. Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief, Poona, 1904.
21 W. Head-quarters left Bareilly for Ranikhet, 1901.
22 Th.
23 F.
24 S.
25 S.
26 M. Left Unao for final advance on Lucknow, 1858.
27 Tu. Embarked at Plymouth on board hired transport "*Himalaya*" for Malta *en route* for Crimea, 1854. Arrived Sialkot from Umbeyla Campaign 1868.
28 W. Rohilkund District Assault-at-Arms, 1899. Won "Tug-of-War" and "Physical Drill." Tug-of-War Team won open Challenge Shield at Presidency meeting, Calcutta, 1903.

The Reminiscences of Veterans.

To almost every one the term "old soldier" is synonymous of a man who has seen a good share of the world and who can tell a good story when he likes. My own experience as a comparatively "young 'un" amongst the old warriors whom I visited leads me to agree with the generally accepted impression of the "old soldier." Of course my conversation with most of the veterans was necessarily of short duration, and I did not in every case succeed in bringing out their powers as raconteurs. However, with such bright conversationalists as Sergeant-Major Motion, Colour-Sergeants Hutton and Cook, Sergeants Cobb and Crichton, and a few others to fall back upon, I have no reason to deplore my want of ability in drawing from the mines of experience of my veteran friends. With some of them I have carried on an extensive correspondence in addition to personal visits and in this way have managed to unearth several good stories of individuals in the regiment in by-gone days.

As every Highlander knows, pipers have always been noted for their somewhat droll way of saying things. This of course arises from the fact that most of them "spoke ta Gaelic" and have at the best but an imperfect knowledge of the Saxon tongue. Of these "Heilan deils" Colour-Sergeant Hutton, himself an Argyllshire Highlander, has several good stories.

After the return of the regiment from the Crimea the late Queen Victoria reviewed the 93rd at Aldershot, and as it was her usual custom to speak to several of the band, drummers and pipers, the late Surgeon-General Munro, then Regimental Doctor, took the matter in hand of instructing Pipe-Major John Macleod how to address the Queen if he were spoken to. As it turned out the Pipe-Major was the first person Her Majesty addressed. He forgot all his instructions, however, at the critical moment and in reply to the Queen's question convulsed everyone round about, by saying, with a very Hielan' accent, "Yes, my lord." Her Majesty was greatly tickled by John's reply and gave him a present of a silk handkerchief.

The same Pipe-Major was once asked by a certain highly placed lady if he was not tired playing so long, and rather staggered her by replying with quite a polished accent, "not a d—d bit, madam, not a d—d bit."

Before enlistment into the 93rd Highlanders, John who was a native of Skye, had been a Piper, and was also employed as a spare hand on board the chief's yacht. Asked what he had done for a living before he enlisted John was sure to tell you that he had been "Piper to Lord Macleod's yacht."

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Hutton and Macleod were bunk chums in Rawal-Pindi, and one day after completing his company musketry returns Hutton returned to find that "John" had been amusing himself by practising his own signature across the pages. Hutton got angry when he saw the deplorable mess and told Macleod if he wanted to learn to write to go to school. This made John virtuously indignant and he replied that he could write better than him *before he wass porn.*

Poor John left his bones in an Indian cemetery, far away from his native mountains and glens. He was a great Piper and was the first Pipe-Major called upon to instruct native Pipe-bands. He was the recipient of many presents from native chiefs and from the Rajah of Cashmere received a present of a Cashmere shawl worth hundreds of pounds. At the storming of the Secunderabagh during the Relief of Lucknow Pipe Major John Macleod was conspicious amongst hundreds of brave men for his dauntless courage and strode up and down in the thick of the fight "to gie the lads a bit of music to the work" as he afterwards assured Lord Clyde.

Roderick Mackay was Pipe-Major during the Crimean Campaign and was a shrewd old Highlander. While the regiment was stationed at Portsmouth prior to embarking for the Crimea, Roderick was once asked to make half-a-dozen pipe bags for the private piper of a Scottish Admiral. Mackay, by the way, had a great reputation for the quality of work he did in this line. When the job was completed Roderick carried the bags to the Admiral himself and was asked what the cost would be. To this the wily "Roddy" replied that he never "charged shentlemans for nothing." Needless to say this answer had the desired effect and Mackay departed considerably richer than he could have been had he stated the exact cost. The Admiral told the story to Colonel Ainslie, then commanding officer, the first time he was a guest at the officers' mess. Mackay turned ill during the Crimean Campaign and was invalided home, but died somewhere in Turkey or Bulgaria.

Pipe-Major Wilson was in Canada with the regiment and left not long before the outbreak of the Crimean war. He was a typical Scot in appearance and had rather a prominent nose. The pipers and drummers attended the Duke of Wellington's funeral in 1852, the Pipe-Major being present of course. While standing in the streets surrounded by a large crowd of gaping Cockneys, rain began to fall and the water trickling down Wilson's face formed in a large drop at the point of his nose. Owing to the prominence of the Pipe-Major's nasal appendage this was soon noticed by the crowd and an impudent Cockney near him yelled out—"I say, mister, look out, the water is over your nose, yon'll soon be drowned," "Oh wull I," said the Pipe-Major, "I doot you'll soon be *downed,*" and he thereupon struck his tormentor such a violent blow on the nose that his prophesy was at once fullfilled.

While on the subject of pipers, Colour-Sergeant Hutton mentioned a curious fact not generally known, viz., that the pipers of the regiment at one time wore the Rob Roy tartan kilt and plaid and also a blue Kilmarnock bonnet with an eagle's feather. This custom appears to have originated in Colonel (afterwards Lieut.-General Sir Duncan) Macgregor's time (1826 to 1838) and lasted until about 1853, when a war office order prohibited the wearing of any but the authorised tartans. Colour-Sergeant Hutton says that the dress was a remarkably handsome one and that everyone in the regiment regretted this latter day proscription of the Macgregor tartan.

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(To be continued.)

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

No. 3394 Colour Sergeant J. Durnan, is promoted Quarter-Master Sergeant, and transferred to the Punjab-Bengal Unattached list from 9th November 1905.

PAY OF RANK.

To be Paid Lce. Cpl:—

No. 5758, Lce. Corporal E. S. Parry, "D" Coy. dated 21st December.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be junior Assistant Instructor of Signalling:—

No. 4571 Corporal J. Hiddles, "E" Coy

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To be Bandsman :—
No. 9669 Boy T. Thorburn, "G" Coy.
To be Drummer :—
No. 9459, Boy H. Martin, "A" Coy.
To be Piper :—
No. 9647 Boy D. McCuaig, "F" Coy.
To be Acting Drummer :—
No. 9557, Private A. Robinson, "H" Coy.

SERVICE PAY.

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,, 7486 ,, R. Snowden | ,, 7381 ,, R. McFarlane.
,, 5486 ,, P. Struthers | ,, 7791 ,, W. Aitken.
,, 6553 ,, A. Rankine | ,, 5507 ,, W. Reynolds.

"C" Company.

No. 7170 Pte. R. McDonald | No. 7822 Pte. J. Stephen.
No. 7835 Private R. Edmiston.

"D" Company.

No. 8159 Private W. Maclay.

"F" Company.

No. 7826 Private J. Galloway.

"G" Company.

No. 5816 Private J. Baker.

"H" Company.

No. 6609, Private J. Quinn.

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"B" Company.

No. 6984 Private A. Roy.

"C" Company.

No. 7063 Private A. Linton.

"G" Company.

No. 9328, Pte. W. Booth | No. 9215 Pte. W. Park.

"H" Company.

No. 9335 Pte. J. Hutchison | No. 8904 Pte. J. Hutchison.
No. 7860 Private J. Berry.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted Three G. C. Badges.

No. 6703 Private W. Houston, "D" Company.

Granted Two G. C. Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 6829 Pte D. Cameren | No. 7566 Pte. R. Jardine.
,, 7685 ,, W. McPhee | ,, 7799 ,, A. Moffatt.

"B" Company.

No. 5253 Pte. A. McGibbon.

"C" Company.

No. 7835 Pte. R. Edmiston | No. 7822 Pte. J. Stephen.

"D" Company.

No. 7814, Private J. McIntosh.

"F" Company.

No. 6980 Lce. Cpl. A. Grant.

"G" Company.

No. 7488 Pte. D. Roy | No. 7106 Pte. J. Douglas.

Granted one G. C. Badge.

"C" Company.

No. 8013 Pte. A. Menzies | No. 7175 Pte. A. Gillies.
,, 8040 ,, J. Lawrie | ,, 6555 ,, J. Smith.
No. 7137, Private J. Millar.

"F" Company.

No. 9598 Private A. Nicol.

"G" Company.

No. 9328 Private W. Booth.

"H" Company.

No. 7860 Pte. J. Berry | No 9331 Pte. R. Glover.

CERTIFICATES

Granted Military Telegraphy Certificates

No. 7751 Private W. Ramsdale, "D" Coy.
,, 5967 ,, J. Brodie, "H" Coy.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Re-engaged to Complete 21 years service.

No. 5772 Sergeant R. White, "F" Coy.
,, 5287 Lce. Cpl. C. Monro, "A" Coy.

Extended to complete 12 years service on receiving Bounty.

No. 6430 Private T. James, "E" Coy.
,, 6495 ,, T. Ross, ,, ,,
,, 6448 ,, C. Turnbull, "H" Coy.

Extended to complete 8 years service on receiving furlough to England.

No. 9328 Private W. Booth, "G" Coy.
,, 9421 ,, D. Fraser ,, ,,

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

On transfer from 1st Battalion The Cameronians.

No. 9970 Private T. Maule, posted to "C" Coy.

Married Establishment.

Mary, wife of No. 4058, Sergt -Mr. Cook. J. Buchanan "G" Coy.

Frederick Murdoch, son of No. 9321, Bandsman R. Browne, "B" Coy.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

On discharge by purchase.

No. 6980 Lce. Cpl. A. Grant, "F" Coy., dated 20th December.

Embarked in H. T. Assaye on 11th December.

On Transfer to Home Establishment.

No. 2735 Cr. Sgt. J. Tyndall, "B" Coy.
,, 5368 Sergeant J. McQueen, "C" Coy.
,, 4618 Sergeant G. Ballantyne, "G" Coy.

On Discharge.

No. 4942 Private J. Brodie, "C" Coy.

On Transfer to Army Reserve.

No. 6102 Private J. White, "H" Coy.
,, 9058 ,, T. Mitchell, "B" Coy.

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 7749 Private G. Callander, "H" Coy.
,, 9557 ,, A. Robertson, "H" Coy.

NUMBERS ALLOTED.

To Private A. Lamie, "A" Coy. No. 9944.

SERVICE RESTORED.

In accordance with King's Regulations Para 1842.

No. 7803 Private H. Bremner, "D" Coy.

FURLOUGH.

The following are granted furlough as noted.

No. 5065 Pte. F. Halkerston, from 9th Dec. to 8th Feb.
,, 2543 Cpl. D. Chisholm, from Dec. to 3rd Jan.
,, 8031 Pte. J. Hughes, 9th Dec. to 8th Feb.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

BROWNE—

At Poona on the 6th December 1905, to the wife of Bandsman R. Browne, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a son, *Frederick Murdoch.*

DEATH.

WICKHAM—

At Kirkee, on the 27th December 1905, from pneumonia, No. 9708 Private Arthur Frederick Wickham, "G" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

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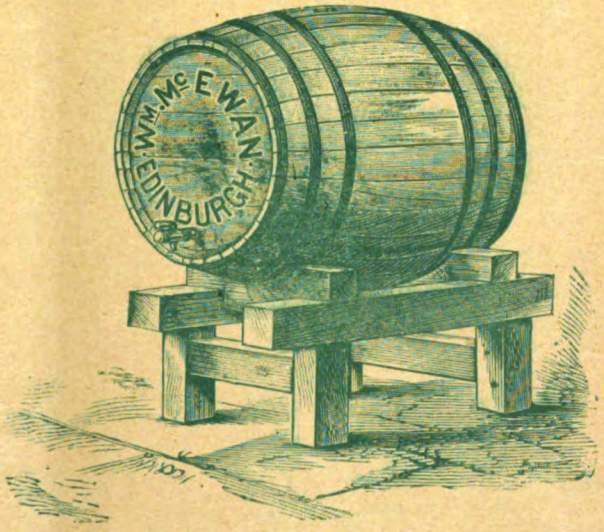

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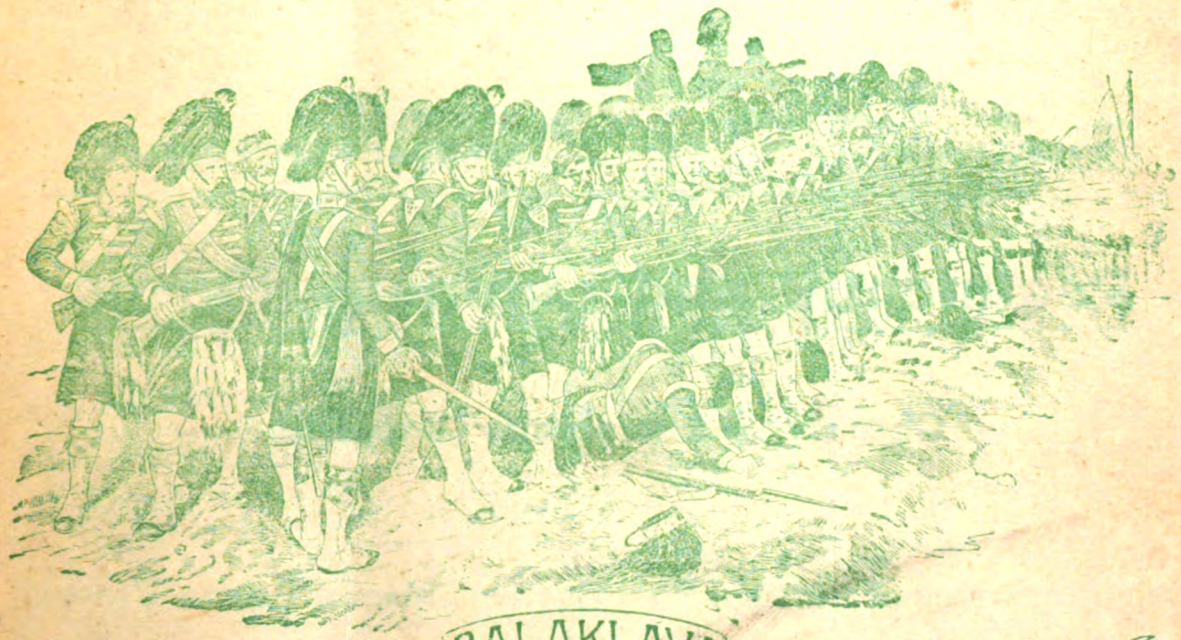

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SKIRLS

The much talked of "efficiency test" has at last been safely carried through to the evident satisfaction of everyone concerned. That the regiment acquitted itself well goes without saying, and the following extract from an order published by our Commanding Officer is a fair criterion of the manner in which the work was performed.

> "The Commanding Officer desires to record "his appreciation of the manner in which he "was supported by all ranks of the Battalion "in the Training test, and also of the keen "and soldierly spirit evinced in carrying out "the work."

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Prior to undertaking the Training test operations, the Battalion proceeded to Chinchvad to attack the East Lancashire Regiment who were carrying through their test a few miles further up the railway. Leaving Poona on the Monday afternoon a march of twelve miles brought us to our camp at Chinchvad station where we rested until the following morning, when the march was continued to Chinchowli. From there we took part in an outpost scheme and on the Wednesday drove our opponents back to Poona. To balance matters the "East Lancs." performed the same good offices for us the following week.

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The comparative immunity from mortality which the battalion has enjoyed has been rudely broken by the passing away of three of our members in as many weeks. The hand of time has also dealt heavily with our older comrades, the mail bringing accounts of the demise of no less than four veterans of the regiment. To Captain Moulton-Barrett we are indebted for information of two of them, particulars having been sent to him by Major R. S. Williams, late of the Ninety Third.

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By the time this number is published the battalion will in all probability have returned from Secunderabad where we proceed early in February. As His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales is to hold a review there, it is generally anticipated that even though the parades may be voted heavy, their picturesqueness will more than compensate us for our lengthened journey.

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We have to congratulate Lieutenants O. C. Herbert and A. J. H Maclean on their having passed successfully the last musketry class at Satara and also on their keeping up the credit of the old

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corps by obtaining "Distinguished" places on the list. Colour Sergeants Brash and Ogg also passed successfully, the latter obtaining the much coveted "D." As one of the "shots" of the battalion Colour Sergeant Ogg is to be congratulated on the high place he attained.

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The medical charge of the battalion has been taken over from Captain Dorgan by Lieutenant Bradley, R.A.M.C.

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The detachment company ("D") returned from Kirkee much sooner than was anticipated, having been relieved by a company of the East Lancashire Regiment on 13th January. This enabled them to take part in the training test and to accompany the battalion to Secunderabad.

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Quite a number of time-expired men have left us recently, thirty one proceeding home in the "Plassey" while fourteen left in the "Ionian." To keep up the establishment, a draft of about sixty men is expected to arrive with the "Assaye" in the beginning of February.

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The following additional officers, students of the Indian Staff College, have been posted to the battalion as under :—

Captain A. L. Tarver, 124th Baluchistan Infantry to "B" Company.
" H. J. Browne, 5th Gurkha Rifles, to "A" Company.
" E. C. Loch, D.S.O., 3rd Skinner's Horse to "C" Company.

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From the latest Army List we observe that Captain A. Sutherland of this battalion, presently serving with the Egyptian army, has been appointed Governor of the 1st Class Military District of Bahr-el-Ghazal.

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It is stated on good authority that the new Secretary of State for War is not disposed to carry out the scheme of his predecessor for the establishment of large infantry depots at Hamilton and Perth, and that under these circumstances the existing system of regimental depots will be continued.

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Among the Chieftains who attended the funeral of the late Cameron of Locheil, the name of Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean appears as chief of the Ardgour branch of the Clan Maclean.

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It is perhaps a bit unfortunate, both for the marksmen of the regiment and possibly for the success of the Bombay Presidency Rifle Association Meeting that the dates fixed for the Annual Central Meeting, should coincide with those fixed for our appearance at Secunderabad. We hear that the entries of British Competitors are not up to former years, the absence of the 72nd and 93rd Highlanders accounting for this. It is difficult to see the wisdom of holding the meeting at a time when one of the two British battalions is away from the station, and the other is too busy finding not only the duties connected with the competition, but also part of the duties in the station generally found by us to be fully represented at the meeting.

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Captain Neill Malcolm, D.S.O., having been appointed a Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General at Headquarters will not, as has been rumoured, return to this battalion.

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Captain Wickham, Kirkee, father of the late Private Wickham, "G" Company, has been good enough to direct that the proceeds of the sale of his son's effects should be sent to the benevolent fund of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association, Glasgow.

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The weather in Poona during January has been fairly changeable—excessively close for a few days, then followed by what is considered rather uncommon at this time of the year—a few showers of rain. Since then the days have been rather dull, and the nights, or perhaps the early mornings, exceedingly cold

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From the official circular just issued from the headquarters of the grouped Regimental Districts, it appears that trade in the west and north of Scotland is very dull, and consequently employment for discharged soldiers is scarce. Although the official mind in matters of this nature is often badly informed, it being well known that away from the larger cities employment can always be had by anyone *willing* to work, it is worth the while of the nearly time-expired soldier pausing to consider whether, even with an average wage in civilian life, he would not be better off in the army. To any well-conducted soldier the present rate of pay is ample for his wants with something over, and we have it on good authority that the pension conditions will shortly be re-considered with a view to encouraging men to remain in the service.

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To Private Caldwell of "B" Company, the praise of the battalion is due for his plucky conduct while on the garrison police duty recently. The following cutting from "*The Advocate of India*" gives in detail the circumstances of the case.

POONA, JANUARY 25.

Yesterday evening, Mr. Wellis, Superintendent of the Thana Jail, and his daughter, Mrs. Gillaid, were out

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driving when the horse attached to the victoria took fright at a passing motor-car on Lothian Road, and swerving round, bolted.

In an attempt to pull up the frightened animal, the reins broke, and the coachman was pitched off the box. The horse continued its wild career, pelting down the side of the road as hard as it could. Mr. Wellis endeavoured to stop it by climbing on to the box and getting hold of the reins, but he, too, was unfortunately thrown on the Bund Road leading to Messrs. Thomson and Taylor's establishment, where the horse's flight was arrested by a plucky soldier belonging to the Ninety-Third Highlanders.

Mrs. Gillaid maintained wonderful presence of mind by remaining in the carriage, and accordingly escaped injury. Mr. Wellis fell on the back of his head, which was cut open by the violence of the fall, and the coachman sustained injuries to his spine and left leg. Mr. Wellis was speedily removed to the Sassoon Hospital, where his wounds were dressed.

Among those who rendered every possible assistance to the injured people were General and Mrs. Richardson, who complimented the soldier for bravely hanging on to the horse's neck.

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Prior to the battalion leaving for Secunderabad Major General Richardson, Commanding the 6th (Poona) Division, made his official inspection of the books and barracks. Commencing at 7-30 a.m. on Tuesday the 30th instant the G.O.C. inspected two bungalows on the right half, thence to the miniature range and institutes, and finally to several of the cook houses. The "dismiss" then went, and after breakfast the books of the different companies and institutes were examined. General Richardson expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with all that he had seen.

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Captain R. C. Gore having been absorbed in the vacancy caused on Major H. d'E Vallancy being seconded for service on the staff, has been posted to this battalion, but has effected an exchange with Captain H. C. McDonald who arrives shortly.

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Proceeding to the Bengal Presidency Sports this year are Lance Corporals Wright and Carlyle. As they have been training in a very thorough manner lately we are sure their success in the different events, particularly those for which the Championship shield is awarded, will be eagerly anticipated by their followers in the Ninety Third.

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In Bandsman F. Noble, who is proceeding to South Africa on transfer to the army reserve, the battalion is losing an all round favourite. Both in the athletic arena and on the "gaff" he was very much at home and his presence will be missed in both circles. Before leaving he was the recipient of tokens of esteem from the temperance bodies in the battalion of which he was an enthusiastic member.

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As our supplement this month we are presenting several interesting photos of subjects of local interest. The Editor has to thank Captain Maclean, and Privates Rastall, Perston and Elder for their respective pictures.

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Our Battle Honours.

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"CAPE OF GOOD HOPE."

8TH JANUARY 1806.

The hundredth anniversary of the granting of the first of the honours which adorn our Colours, can scarcely be permitted to pass without some reference to the circumstances under which it was gained.

In August 1805 the Ninety Third embarked at Cork to take part in an expeditionary force intended for the reduction of Cape Coast Castle then held by our enemies the Dutch. The Highland Brigade consisted of the 71st, 72nd and 93rd regiments under Brigadier General Ronald Ferguson.

After a boisterous passage they anchored in Table Bay on 4th January 1806, and as the surf did not permit a landing to be made there, the Highland Brigade two days later landed in Lospard Bay, but not without experiencing opposition from the enemy who were on the heights commanding the shore. An unfortunate accident occurred while disembarking, no less than thirty five men of the Ninety Third being drowned through the upsetting of a boat in the surf.

Stores having been landed, the troops advanced to the summit of the Blue mountains, and found that the enemy, about 5000 strong, were drawn up on the plain with twenty-three pieces of cannon. After one or two strategical movements on the part of the British force, the order was given to charge the enemy, and this proved so impetuous that they fled in great confusion losing over 600 killed and wounded. The British loss was 16 killed and 191 wounded, the proportion of the Ninety Third being 2 killed and 58 wounded. The enemy made no further resistance, and the colony was acquired without further trouble.

A retired colonel, who was inclined to be overbearing in his manner, had for a neighbour a farmer, who owned some cows. A valuable dog owned by the colonel used to run into the meadow and annoy these animals.

At last the farmer went to his neighbour and requested that the annoyance should be stopped, only to receive the reply—

"How do you know it is my dog?"

"How do I know?" replied the other with rising indignation; "why, haven't I seen him?"

"You must bring me better proof," replied the colonel as he turned coldly away.

"All right, sir," and the farmer significantly, "the next time that dog bothers my cows I'll bring you all the proof necessary in a wheelbarrow."

The dog never troubled the animals afterwards.

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The Training Test Operations.

The pale moonlight of the morning of Monday 15th January shone fitfully, not on the field of battle, but on the Battalion Parade Ground, as the Ninety Third lined up prior to marching off on what is now commonly known as Lord Kitchener's efficiency test. Our strength was very nearly up to that of last year, over 820 of all ranks starting, and as our destination was Chinchwad, a village we had made the acquaintance of only a few days previously, a fairly stiff march was anticipated. In field service order with the new equipment, each man wearing a khaki apron instead of a sporran, the battalion looked exceptionally fit, and as the wearing of the bandolier distributed the weight of the hundred rounds of ball ammunition, the latter did not give so much inconvenience as with the old equipment. However, as the gong was striking six a.m. we left barracks, and after short halts at the Council Hall, at 7½ miles, and at Chinchwad Railway Station, we arrived at our destination in good fettle and without losing a man. Without delay we were inspected by Major-General Richardson and his Staff, and were then allowed to fall out and partake of a light meal which the cooks, who went on the night before, had prepared for us. This finished, a move was made towards the formation of a defensible camp at the foot of a very steep hill close to the village. The heights having been picqueted to prevent any possible enemy attacking us, (although it would almost have required a balloon section to rush the picquet,) we lay low until 5 p.m. when the G.O.C. arrived and closely examined the work we had done. The camp was protected on the northern side by a laager formed from the transport carts, etc., on the western side by entrenchments, on the eastern side by a line of sangars, while the hill formed a natural barrier on the south.

Inspection over, the picquets were withdrawn and the camp settled down for the night.

Reveille 5-30 a.m. on the 16th found us quickly preparing for the most important object of the test—an attack with ball ammunition, and before the sun had appeared we were on our way to Shelawari hill which we found had been targeted to represent the outposts of an enemy.

The scouts having gone forward to cover the advance, the remainder of the battalion proceeded under the cover of a nullah until the village of Manardi, slightly less than a mile from the enemy, was reached. Here the battle proper commenced, and the latest method of attacking was given effect to. Casualties were practised, dressing stations being located at the railway station and village, the trained stretcher bearers finding plenty of work. Then, when the position had been charged in the usual rousing manner of Highlanders, the cease fire sounded, and a few minutes walk brought us to the road where dinner was found waiting on us. A short halt and ball ammunition having been exchanged for blank, we returned to the hillside and threw out an extensive line of outposts for our friends the East Lancashire Regiment to attack. This affair proved of short duration, the enemy expending most of their ammunition on our camp, which they afterwards found was "non-combatant." The sun was now low down in the western sky and after returning to camp which we found had been shifted to Shelawari Station, and partaking of tea, we found that yet another event had to be run off. This proved to be the night march, and the battalion moved out about 8 o'cock, one half being led by Major Mackenzie and the other half being guided by Captain Glasfurd.

The amount of danger attached to night marching in the way of falling down nullahs, etc., is probably more than counter-balanced by the amusement of seeing your neighbour stumble into the middle of a cactus or other equally thorny bush, and as no one is allowed to speak, the usual method of expressing the feeling of sorrow or anger has to be foregone. However the march being at last ended, it was comforting to learn that the General was very pleased with the conduct of the troops on the march, and in a few minutes everyone "was well down to it" in their bivouacs securing a well earned rest.

Up with the sun the next morning (Wednesday) the scheme for the day proved to be a retirement towards the level crossing at Chinchvad. An advance party of seven men per company under Lieutenant Bruce moved off in front of us to secure the rising ground near the railway station. Our movements were reckoned to have been exceptionally fast, the advance party doing the first three miles in a little over twenty minutes, while the battalion with its baggage jogged along at slightly over four miles per hour. This rapid retirement was evidently successful, so much so that the crossing was reached without the enemy, who had the assistance of the Mounted Infantry, coming within range of us. Our rear guard had no sooner reached the station than the cease fire sounded, thus concluding the operations. Nothing remained now but to march back to barracks, which we did, arriving in about 2 p.m.

On Thursday morning the battalion, with the exception of "E" Company, paraded in knickers and marched to Ghorpuri, where an "obstacle" course was negotiated in fine style. "E" Company proceeded to the Central Gymnasium and were examined in running drill, free gymnastics and climbing over the obstacles. "B" Company paraded after breakfast, and going to the Gymna-

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sium were inspected in Bayonet fighting, apparatus work and rope climbing.

Thus ended the test, and the general opinion is that we did our work much better this year, and that if we are not adjudged the best, anyone proving superior to us will be very good indeed.

Musketry.

REGIMENTAL SHOOTING CLUB.

It is with pleasure we learn that a grand Wappenschaw will be held after the Battalion returns from the review at Secunderabad—possibly the last week in February or the beginning of March. As prize money to the extent of one thousand rupees will be available, the meeting is sure to cause considerable interest in the battalion.

Owing to the general dislocation of routine through absence from barracks, the weekly competitions are pretty much at a discount at present. A miniature range shoot was held on the 25th and gained a fair attendance.

The Annual Point-to-Point Meeting.

Our annual race-meeting has, judging from the usual large turnout of ladies and gentlemen, come to be reckoned as one of the social events of the Poona season, and this year saw perhaps a larger attendance than formerly. The rendezvous was at a point behind the cavalry race-course from which, as a local organ graphically puts it, "a fine sweep of country was decernible, across which mountains of fleecy clouds were rolling."

The arrangements for the day's outing having been made by Major Mackenzie and Captain McCandlish everything went off admirably, and the band and pipes under Bandmaster Walsh and Pipe Major Lynch rendered several pleasant selections to the enjoyment of all. Major-General Richardson kindly acted as judge, and Colonel Paterson as starter.

There were three events to be decided, and the first of these was the one in which the most interest is taken by the members of the regiment, viz., "The Subalterns' Cup" presented by Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley Paterson, Commanding Ninety Third Highlanders. This brought out a field of eleven starters, and getting off together the course of nearly 2¼ miles was soon negotiated. Our Adjutant seemed to be leading most of the way and after a hard race it was found that he had secured first place with Mr. Hartley and Mr. Gilmour following.

Mr. J. Kennedy's Siren, Owner ...	... 1
Mr. Hartley's Crescent, Owner ...	... 2
Mr. Gilmour's Orion, Owner ...	... 3
Lord George Dundas's Aske Hall, Owner...	0
Mr. A. Kennedy's Petronel, Owner	... 0
Mr. James's Fakir, Owner	... 0
Mr. Herbert's Butcha, Owner ...	... 0
Mr. Cuninghame's Jack the Ripper, Owner	0
Mr. Sandeman's Lawyer, Owner ...	... 0
Mr. Maclaine's Loch Buie, Owner...	... 0

The next race was an open one over the same course for a cup presented by the Majors and Captains of the regiment.

This produced some of the best cattle and riders in Poona and Major Wogan-Browne's victory was immensely popular.

Maj. Wogan-Browne's Domino, Owner	... 1
Capt. Ambrose's Enfilade, Capt. Gregory...	2
Lieut. Hale's Sticks, Owner ...	... 3
Maj. Cleveland's Majestic, Owner ...	... 0
Maj. Cleveland's Matchlock, Mr. Passy	... 0
Mr. Heyland's Artaxerxes, Mr. Black	... 0
Maj. Mackenzie's Boxer, Mr. Boase	... 0
Mr. Lockett's Sunny Jim, Owner ...	... 0
Mr. Gwynne's Ginger, Owner ...	... 0
Maj. Olivierre's Wanderer, Owner...	... 0

The third and final event was another open race for ponies, for a cup presented by the Subalterns of the regiment, the course being the same, and the fellowing is the result.

Maj. Olivierre's Laura, Owner ...	... 1
Mr. Comyn's Kathleen, Owner ...	... 2
Mr. Furlonger's Timoos, Owner ...	... 3
Mr. Edgar's Timothy, Gwynne ...	... 0
Capt. Holbrooke's Mist, Tronson ...	... 0
Mr. Windsor's Adderley, Owner ...	... 0
Mr. Windsor's Drayton, Mr. Leanes	... 0
Maj. Burton's Ismail, Owner ...	... 0
Maj. Morris's Pluto, Maj. Wogan-Browne...	0
Mr H. Kennedy's Lucifer, Owner...	... 0
Mr. Hill's Fox, Owner	... 0
Mr. Woodhouse's Greybeard, Owner	... 0
Mr. Ramsay's Killarney, Owner ...	... 0

During the afternoon the officers were "At Home" and as the day was not too warm, the outing proved exceptionally pleasant. Mrs. Richardson, wife of our respected G.O.C., distributed the various prizes to the successful competitors, and this concluded the meeting, quite possibly our last in Poona.

Overheard before marching off on the test :—

"A hunner' roons o' ball!—well, they'll no' get me tae cairry it. A'll pit it in ma haversack."

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4th (Militia) Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

An impressive ceremony took place in Paisley Abbey on Wednesday afternoon, 20th December, a tablet commemorating the non-commissioned officers and men of the 4th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Paisley Militia) who fell in the South African War being unveiled by Lord Blythswood, A.D.C. at the east wall of the north transept of the ancient building before a large and representative attendance. Among those present, in addition to Lord and Lady Blythswood, were Colonel King of Levernholme, Major-General Barrington Campbell, Sir Thomas and Lady Glen-Coats, Sir Charles Bine Renshaw, Bart M.P.; Mr. Henry Macdowall of Garthland, Provost Eadie, ex-Provost and Mrs. R. K. Bell, Mr. J. C. Cunninghame of Craigends, Mr. W. H. Coats, Mr. G. L. Houstoun and Mrs. Houston, Colonel Hunt, Commanding 91st Regtl. District; Colonel H. C. D. Dick, D.S.O.; Majors Mure, Pearson, Graham, Hall, Stewart and Houldsworth; Captain and Adjutant Richardson, D.S.O.; Captains Cheape, Sothby, Leschallas and Williamson; Surgeon-Captain Bruce R.A.M.C.; Lieutenant Arthur, Lieutenant the Hon. F. C. Montgomery, Sergeant-Major L. Robertson and all the Non-commissioned officers, drummers and pipers of the Permanent Staff.

After a brief religious service conducted by Rev. J. B. Dalgety, the memorial, which records the names of those who died during the war, was unveiled by Lord Blythswood. The ceremony was accompanied by the sounding of the "Last Post" by a bugler and the playing of "The Flowers of the Forest" by the pipers of the battalion.

Lord Blythswood then said he had been commissioned to hand over to Colonel King, as chairman of the heritors of Paisley Abbey, that beautiful memorial to the fallen heroes of the 4th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The memorial had rightly been placed in the Abbey, a building whose antiquity was marked in the stones of which it was made. What vicissitudes it must have seen—what joys, what miseries! They could not but feel satisfied that that ancient fane was the place for a memorial to the brave men who were no longer in their midst, and who had given up their lives for their country, and in asking Colonel King to accept the tablet he ventured to express the hope that if it proved the means of keeping alive the feelings of justice, right, and probity in our country, it would have done its duty and fulfilled the objects for which it had been erected.

Colonel King, in reply, said he could assure his Lordship it gave him the greatest satisfaction to accept, on behalf of the heritors of the Abbey, the custody of that beautiful memorial—a memorial beautiful, not only in itself, but in the associations it brought to them of devotion to duty and of work nobly done.

Rev. Dr. Gentles then offered the dedication prayer, and the pronouncing of the benediction and the singing of the National Anthem terminated the service.

The memorial which has been provided through subscriptions, principally by the officers of the 4th A. and S.H., the rank and file of the battalion being limited to a subscription of threepence per man, takes the form of a huge mural tablet, resting on the ground and is 12 feet broad. At the top are the colours of the regiment in permanent colouring, while the name of the fallen N.C.O.'s and men are inscribed underneath. The design is altogether very elaborate, and the cost is estimated at between £400 and £500.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT we hae been tested.
That we cam' through it a' richt.
That it thinks we're a jaldi lot.
That an' ither regiment thinks that tae.
That the nicht mairch wis a guid affair.
That it took him twa oors' tae get the thorns 'oot o' his shanks.
That it thocht they wir callin' up the min.
That it wis jist the "lunatic-graph."
That a Heilan' regiment without pipers is like saut without meat.
That it wis "order fur the Hottentot."
That he wis quite shair the big tatties wir' larger than the sma' yins.
That he wis lookin' for a white khaki blanco sponge.
That some folk canna' get peace for a certain admi washin' his cats.
That the difference 'atween us an' the M.I. is that the M.I. hae chargers to carry them, while we hae tae carry oor chargers.
That the free pints wir very acceptable.
That oor next shift is tae be tae whaur we wir a hunner years ago.
That he never went tae sleep bit he wakened up.
That he saw the "rinnin' man" turnin' corners.
That the ghost wis a goat.
That his thumb wis tae be in line wi' the pint o' his mooth.
That the mile double wis a sicht for sair een.
That some folk looked "bony."
That there wir a wheen o' "puffin' billys."
That if ye canna jump ow're, fa' pw're, bit for guidness sake dinna gang in ablow—it disna look weel.

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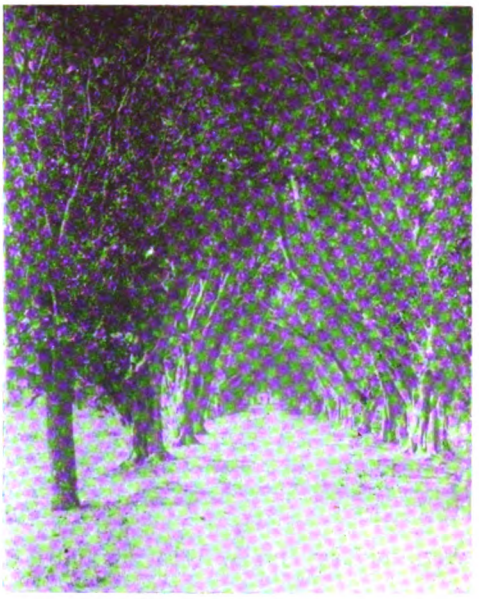
Veterans of the Ninety Third.

No. 1696 William Thomson.

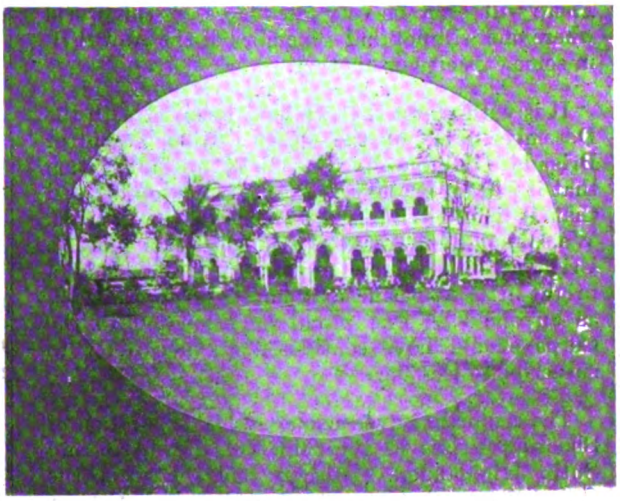
Enlisted at Longside, Aberdeenshire, 8th November, 1842, and served for nearly twenty years with the Ninety-Third, being discharged at Chatham on the 1st July 1862. He belonged to No. 4 company and served with the Regiment during the Crimeanand Indian Mutiny Campaigns, being present at the battles of Alma and Balaklava, and the siege of Sebastopol in the Crimea, the relief and capture of Lucknow, and all the other actions in which the regiment took part during the suppression of the Indian Mutiny. Has the Crimean Medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol; the Turkish Medal; Indian Mutiny Medal, with clasps for Relief and capture of Lucknow; also the Good Conduct and Long Service medal. Mr. Thomson is a native of Old Deer, Aberdeenshire. and is now 84 years of age. He was employed as a servant to the late Colonel Leith-Hay during the greater part of his service. The gallant old veteran is now, we are sorry to say, completely blind, an affliction which he bears with great fortitude. The sympathy of every 93rd man will be with our veteran comrade in his misfortune.

At a certain kit inspection a man whose shirt was not numbered was asked the reason why and rather astonished his questioner with the following reply; "Owing to the necessary process of numerous ablutions, the number has been completely obliterated, and owing to the scarcity of the necessary pigments, I have been unable to replenish the deficient decorative numerals."

Two Views on the Ganeshkhind Road.



THE AVENUE.



A TYPICAL BUNGALOW.

After due consideration, the Army Council has come to the conclusion that it is not desirable to adopt the double company system in the British Infantry. Sanction has been granted, however, to the Infantry battalions at Aldershot being trained by double companies, as a temporary experiment, the results of which are to be reported upon at the end of the training season for 1906.

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Home and Depot Notes.

NATIVE BUGLERS UNDER 93RD INSTRUCTION.

Captain F. C. Dundas, has on termination of staff appointment in the Scottish District, been appointed a D.A.A.G. at the Straits Settlement. There will soon be very few places in this world where one will not find a member of the A. & S.H. in some capacity or another.

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It is with regret that we have received with the December issue of the Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade (Edinburgh) Chronicle, an intimation that it will be the last, the Editors having decided that it is inadvisable to continue the journal. We cannot think what the members of the Queen's Brigade are dreaming of when they allow such a bright little magazine as theirs to go to the wall, as anyone who was proud of belonging to the Corps should have considered it their duty to subscribe to the journal.

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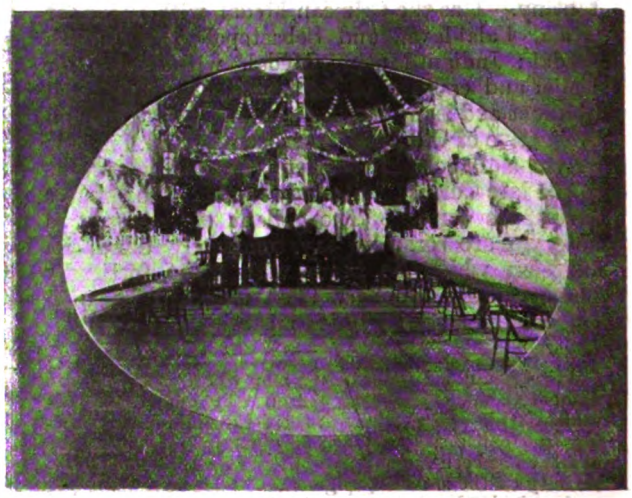
The Annual Conversazione and Presentation of Shooting Prizes of the 2nd Vol. Bn. Arg. and Suth. Highlanders (Paisley) took place in the George A. Clark Town Hall on Friday evening, 1st December, and as usual was a brilliant gathering. Colonel Paton, Commanding, before presenting the prizes referred to the loss sustained by the battalion during the year through the death of no less than three popular colour-sergeants, viz.: Colour-Sergeants Whiteford, Brough and Syme.

The Challenge Silver Cup, presented by the late Colonel Mure to the best drilled company during the year (an honour which entitles the winners to march at the head of the battalion on all parades for the year following) was won by "F" Company, Elderslie, commanded by Captain W. W. Campbell, of which Colour-Sergeant Soutar, late of the 93rd, is the instructor. This company also won the Semaphore Signalling Competition, open to Company teams of 6 men each.

The record score for Fox bat range, and for the year 1905, is held conjointly by the brothers Pattison—Colour-Sergeant William Pattison and Sergeant Daniel Pattison—both of "D" Company, with the fine score of 98 each to their credit. The senior of the two having the best score at 600 yards, his score of course takes precedence of his brother's.

After the conclusion of the unveiling of the 4th Battalion memorial in Paisley Abbey, an account of which appears in another part of the "Thin Red Line," Colonel Montague Campbell, D.S.O., brother of Lord Blythswood, commanding the 4th A. and S. Highlanders, presented Colour-Sergeant "Jim" Blair with the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. We wish this popular N.C.O. long life to wear his hard-earned decoration.

Appropos a recent paragraph in the T.R.L. in which it was stated that Sergeant Instructor Peasland of Cardross Company, 1st D.R.V., had formerly belonged to the 91st and had never served in the 93rd, we are asked to contradict that statement. It appears that Sergeant-Instructor Peasland was, for a good few years after enlistment, with the 93rd and did not join the 91st until after he attained the rank of Sergeant.



"G" COMPANY'S NEW YEAR DINNER.

It has been notified that in future all men who wish it can be inoculated against enteric fever while proceeding abroad on any transport or troopship.

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Round the Bungalows.

It has been suggested that an appropriate, though sometimes irritating, password, and one which seems fairly popular just now, is—"Maybe."

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Another manœuvre yarn has reached me, and like all other yarns it is vouched for as being absolutely true. I give it in my informant's own words

A halt had been ordered and advantage was taken of it by several of the staff and other officers to indulge in a "refresher" produced from their holsters This finished, one of the officers strolled casually over to a group of men who had been leaning on their arms and eyeing them while waiting the order to fall in again.

"Dry work indeed!" says the S. O. addressing an intelligent looking private.

"It's a' that!" responded the individual spoken to, brightening up at the possible prospect of something to counteract the prevailing drouth.

"There's a water cart just come up in rear," says the S.O. turning away. Then, my correspondent tells me, the silence which followed was so great that he could almost hear the ticking of his repeater (a "two fifteen" one) in his breast pocket.

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On Divisional tests, frae east tae west,
We wanner'd till we wearied o'
For its aye bin the same, since they started the game,
O' Divisional tests o' efficiency o'

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Both before and after the Ne'erday celebrations there is generally an outburst from the teetotal faction regarding the "sociability" which is painfully in evidence amongst Scotsmen at this, the most seasonable, period of the calendar. These temperance wallahs would have us believe that our national sin is too much pronounced in all our celebrations, but when we come to look at the matter in a calmer vein, we find that a great many men are credited with being "owre fu'" when, as a fact, they have had little or no liquor. Therefore my opinion is that the Scots music and not the Scots whisky is to blame. Perhaps you yourself may have noticed that if after taking just one glass of the "rale mackay", you hear the band strike up "A Guid New Year" or maybe "We're no sae fu'" a jolly, deil-may-care sort of feeling gradually gets the better of you and before you know where you are you are singing away and capering with the lave o' them.

I heard of a man who was up before his C.O. for attempting the cake walk in front of his battalion, and as an excuse he pleaded that the drink he had had was not altogether the cause of his joviality for if there had been no band playing he would not have thought of attempting to dance.

So, the obvious moral for the Hogmanays to come, is that our musicians, instead of discoursing convivial airs, should bring in the New Year with, say, the "Auld Hundred" or "The Auld Hoose" when, in all probability, we should find ourselves weeping instead of dancing.

Half-Battalion Field Firing Camp, Alandi, 1905.

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That the machine gun section of a battalion is about the only place where the regulations acknowledge the necessity of an intelligent N.C.O. is generally known, but the fact that a machine gun, like an ordinary soldier or a horse, possesses a "history sheet" is not not so well known.

This "history sheet" on which is recorded particulars of the gun, and repairs, etc., is familiarly called, by those who have passed through the School of Musketry, the "medical history sheet," and a good story is told of a certain individual, who, while working about his gun, required the sheet for reference. On enquiring for it he was

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directed to go to the "Section Officer" and as he did not seem to be aware that the officer in charge of the two guns of a battalion is known as the section officer, he went to the only section he knew of and this proved to be the attached section. Imagine the astonishment of the N.C.O. in charge (the officer happened to be absent) on being asked in quite an authoritative manner for "The medical history sheet o' the machine gun." His reply however, is not on record.

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I much regret my friend "Tam the Bun Wallah" has not come up to the scratch this month. I met him the day after the Proclamation parade and—well, he was "a sicht for sair een." Topi minus pagri, two days growth on his chin, eyes of a patriotic colour—red, white and blue—got after the company dinner. In a hoarse whisper he informed me that "his heid wis awfu' sair, but it wis a graun' time for a' that." All he wanted was the price "o' jist yae pot," and seeing him returning from the twelve o'clock issue a few minutes later I stopped him and asked him how he felt now. Smacking his lips he said "Man, its' a guid job Ne'er day only comes aince a year." I agreed.

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What about a nom-de-plume for the draft just arrived? As they are the first to arrive since the new government took over office, something appropriate can easily be found, and as soldiers are good hands at "christening," I hope to hear of a name suitable for them.

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I have heard rumours of an attempt being made to put down the useful but often unnecessary strong language with which some folk adorn their speech. If it is any information, I would point out that in a recent issue of this magazine there appeared an account of a certain company's field training in which it was stated that the whole company "dammed a river." It does not appear however, that any action was taken by the authorities.

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Obituary.

No. 6703, Private Wm. Houston, "D" Coy.

It is with a feeling of sincere regret we have to chronicle the passing away of Private William Houston, "D" Company, the sad event taking place on Thursday, 4th January, 1906, at the Station Hospital. Deceased whose photograph we publish, was a well known personality in the battalion, and joined the Ninety Third in August 1889 from the Highland Light Infantry. At the time of his death he had just completed twelve years' service, his name, in fact, having appeared in orders for embarkation. A football player of no mean order, he formed one of the team which won the League for "D" Company in 1904. To his parents, who so nearly had the pleasure of welcoming him home again, the sympathy of his comrades is due.

No. 7131, Private Thos. Blair, "A" Coy.

The battalion has to mourn the loss of yet one more of its members in the person of Private Thomas Blair, whose death at the age of almost 28 years occurred at the Station Hospital on 13th January. Deceased was a native of Kirkintilloch and enlisted in November 1899. Prior to joining the Ninety Third he served in the South African Campaign.

Private A. McTear "G" Company.

The death occurred at the Station Hospital on the 10th January of Private Andrew McTear, "G" Company, at the early age of 21 years. Deceased, who will be mourned for by his many comrades, belonged to Glasgow and enlisted at Stirling in September 1902. He served with the Ninety First in South Africa before coming to India, and at the time of his death was serving with the Mounted Infantry detachment at Wanowrie school.

Captain R. G. H. Burgoyne,
Late 93rd Highlanders.

We deeply regret to hear of the death of one the most interesting members of the old Ninety Third in the person of Captain Roderick dhu Glenlyon Hamilton Burgoyne, the sad event taking place at Dalmeny, Midlothian, on the 16th December 1905. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place in Stirling.

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Captain Burgoyne was a son of Captain John James Hamilton Burgoyne, who also served in the Ninety Third, retiring in 1833. Captain Burgoyne, who was appointed Ensign in March 1855, joined the regiment in the Crimea and served for a short time after the fall of Sebastopol. He accompanied the regiment and served with it throughout the Indian Mutiny Campaign, was present at the action of Bunce, relief of Lucknow by Lord Clyde, defeat of the Gwalior contingent at Cawnpore and pursuit to Serai Ghat, occupation of Fattehgurh, siege and capture of Lucknow, including the heroic storming of the Martiniere and Begum's Palace; Rohilcund campaign to the capture of Bareilly; campaign in Oude; was promoted to a half pay captaincy in 1869, and retired from the army in December 1872 on being appointed to the Governorship of Dover Prison. He was afterwards governor of Durham Prison and on retirement he resided at Dalmeny.

In December 1882, the deceased officer published the "Historical Records of the 93rd Highlanders," being a history of the regiment from its formation up to that date, and his work is now looked upon as the standard authority of the doings of the Ninety Third.

Rev. Wm. Pitt Trevelyan,
Late Captain 93rd Highlanders.

The Reverend William Pitt Trevelyan, late Rector of Calverton, Bucks, who died on 22nd December last at the ripe age of 93, at one time served in the Ninety Third Highlanders. He was appointed Ensign in January 1833, Lieutenant, June 1836, Captain 1839, and retired from the service in 1841. The deceased officer served with the Regiment in Canada from 1838 taking part in the subduing of the rebellion which occurred at that time.

Major George Seton.
95th Regiment.

The death occurred at Bexhill on 25th December 1905 of Major George Seton, who at one time belonged to the Ninety Third Highlanders. Deceased was appointed Ensign in 1838, Captain in 1852 and exchanged into the 95th Regiment at the latter date. At the time of his death he was 87 years of age and had the misfortune to be totally blind.

From a leading Scottish weekly we take the following interesting account of Major Seton:

The death has just occurred at Bexhill, in his eighty-seventh year, of Major George Seton, late 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, youngest son of the late Alexander Seton of Mounie, Aberdeenshire, and father of the present laird. This family is a branch of the historic Setons of Seton (now represented by the Earl of Eglinton), who flourished in the twelfth century, and one of whom, Sir Alexander Seton, was Governor of Berwick at its siege by the English in 1333. His descendant of the same name acquired much wealth and influence by his marriage to Elizabeth Gordon of Gordon, the Marquis of Huntly descending from their eldest son, and the Setons of Mounie from their second son who himself espoused the heiress of the Meldrums of Meldrum, and acquired that estate. This laird fell at the Battle of Brechin in 1452, and a subsequent one was slain by the Master of Forbes. Still later, the lands of Pitmedden were acquired by the family, John Seton of Pitmedden being a devoted adherent of Charles I., carrying whose standard in his hand he was killed at the Bridge of Dee in 1639. His younger son was the well-known lawyer, Sir Alexander Seton, first Baronet, eventually raised to the bench as Lord Pitmedden. He was a faithful servant of Charles II., and after the Revolution declined to serve under William of Orange, retiring instead into private life. His granddaughter, Margaret Seton, heiress of Mounie married James Anderson, LL.D., the eminent agriculturist, and herself became grandmother of the late Major George Seton. Deceased's eldest brother was drowned in the wreck of the "Birkenhead," off the Cape of Good Hope, 1852, while in command of his troops, and the estates passed to his next brother, David Seton of Mounie. At the latter's death in 1894 the heir in the ordinary course was Major George Seton himself, but by family arrangement the estates devolved instead on his son, the present laird. Deceased married in 1853 a descendant of Sir William Wake, seventh Baronet, but was left a widower forty years later.

There passed away recently at his residence in Hilltown, Dundee, Francis Murray, a veteran of the Crimea and of the Indian Mutiny. Mr. Murray, who was born in Turriff, was discharged on pension in 1874 after 21 years' service with the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders. He held three medals—The Crimean, with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sevastopol; the Turkish; and the Indian, with clasp for Umbeyla.

The skipper was a man who had a good opinion of himself and his notions. He had pulled through shipwreck, mutiny, and other perils of the deep, but he came a cropper once.

For on a certain voyage he had shipped a boatswain's mate who bore something of a reputation. One day the skipper ordered him aloft to examine a sail on the royal yard.

"Tain't safe cap'n!" protested the boat-swain's mate. 'The foot-ropes has got to be fixed fust."

"Do as I tell you!" roared the captain, "The foot-ropes are all right. I know they are."

The man went up. Five minutes later he came tumbling down through the rigging from the top of the mast a distance of over 100 feet, and, with a bang, he bounded into one of the canvas-covered boats.

The sailors, thinking him dead, crowded about him in a circle. To their amazement he sat up. His eyes wandered vacantly about until they rested on the face of the skipper, when they lighted up with intelligence.

"Cap'n," he said slowly, "you was mistaken about them foot-ropes!"

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The Reminiscences of Veterans.

(Continued.)

Captain W. Mackay, late of the Ninety Third and R.A.M.C. contributes the following regarding the dress of the sergeants of the Ninety Third Highlanders:

"When I joined the battalion and until the end of 1873 or the beginning of 1874, the sergeants wore their sashes on the left shoulder. This was in consequence of an order given by Lord Clyde when he was Commander-in-Chief in India.

"In the summer of 1873, the 78th, 79th and 93rd were stationed in Aldershot, and the sergeants of the two former corps were jealous of the privilege enjoyed by their comrades of the Ninety Third. The Staff Sergeants of the 79th changed their sashes from the right to the left shoulder, the sergeants waiting to see what would be the result; but the change was soon noticed by the camp authorities, who wanted to know why this change was made. The answer was that as the 93rd sergeants wore theirs in that manner, they thought they had an equal right to the same privilege.

"The G.O.C. (Sir Hope Grant) ordered an enquiry into the matter, with the result that as the Sergeants could shew no War Office authority for wearing their sashes on the left shoulder, they had to transfer them to the right shoulder. The 78th took no action in the matter—waiting I presume—to see how the 79th would fare. We of the 93rd were much cut up at the change and did not readily forgive our comrades of the 79th."

Referring to Captain Mackay's statement regarding the wearing of the sash over the left shoulder by the sergeants of the Ninety Third, Colour-Sergeant Hutton told me that during the whole time he was a Sergeant in the regiment he wore the sash in that manner. When he came home in 1868 to the Depot at Aberdeen, for discharge, he had to attend parade to receive his long service medal and thought it very strange to have to wear his sash over the right shoulder. This he was ordered to do by the acting Sergeant-Major—Whittaker—himself a 93rd Colour-Sergeant. Hutton however thinks that the custom originated before his time, that is, prior to 1847, but he is not quite sure on that point. The painting of the "Thin Red Line" by Robert Gibb, R.S.A. shows the Sergeants of the Grenadier company wearing the sash over the right shoulder. The only regiment entitled by regulation to the honour of the sergeants wearing the sash in the same manner as the officers i.e., over the left shoulder, is the 13th Regiment—now the Somerset Light Infantry. This privilege is now discounted to a great extent by the fact that the officers of all line regiments, except Highland, wear the sash round the waist.

Sometime ago I received several copies of the Dundee Advertiser and as the postmark was undecipherable I was at a loss to know who had been kind enough to send me the papers. Each copy contained a reference carefully marked off to the death of the late popular commanding officer of the Dundee Highlanders, Colonel Smith. I could not for the life of me think what connection Colonel Smith could have with the Ninety-Third, beyond the fact that he had the reputation of being a good and generous friend to old soldiers.

The mystery has been cleared away however by the receipt of a letter from Mr. Cobb, the veteran Grenadier of the Sutherland Highlanders, who resides in Arbroath. "Regarding the somewhat sudden death of Colonel Smith of the Dundee Highlanders," writes Mr. Cobb, "it is interesting to note that the Colonel's father served with the Ninety-Third as a private and also as a non-commissioned officer. When I joined the 93rd Depot in Dundee barracks in June, 1841, he was then a lance-corporal. He married in the following year and shortly afterwards purchased his discharge. He obtained employment from Mr. Paxton, an extensive brewer in Dundee, and drove an ale cart for upwards of twenty years. He was succeeded by his son, the now deceased Colonel, who was eventually taken into the office. When Mr. Paxton gave up business he left a large share to Colonel Smith. Now that he is gone, it is not too much to say that in the late Colonel Smith, Dundee lost its most popular citizen. He was long noted for his generosity to old soldiers and to those of the 93rd in particular. The last letter I had from the deceased gentleman," concludes Mr. Cobb, "contained a request for me to send him for his scrap-book any incident I might publish connected with the old 93rd."

In my time, says an old non-commissioned officer, the regiment when in India wore round forage caps and chinstraps, set up a la Scots Guards. This change from glengarries was due to a white quilted cover, called by us a topee, being worn over the cap at early morning and evening parades. There was in these days a certain Lieutenant in the regiment who was a regular terror as a martinet That he was "regimental" the following incident will show. On one occasion at Sialkote, when he was orderly officer he was on his rounds about eleven p.m. Before he could approach the "Main Guard" he had to pass the Magazine. It was a beautiful moonlight night, and the magazine sentry (Girzie

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Munro) seeing the orderly officer approach, challenged. No answer. Challenged again, when the following answer was shouted to him: "Put down your chin-strap my man, and challenge again, *I can't hear you.*"

Sergeant Crichton tells the following story of a well-known and popular Colour-Sergeant of the regiment which occurred during the stay of the regiment at Sialkote. As the gallant colour-sergeant is still alive it is of course inadvisable to mention names, but as an illustration of the ready wit required of a colour-sergeant to account for the thousand and one things which go wrong daily in the average company, the incident is too good to be lost. But to proceed, the officer commanding the company was going round at Barrack inspection accompanied of course by the colour-sergeant. In one of the rooms a man had just been getting his hair cut by the company barber, and the mess had not been cleared away when the Captain and the Colour-Sergeant entered the room. "What the deuce is this," roared the captain as soon as his eyes fell on the remains of the recent crop. Without a moment's hesitation the colour-sergeant saluted smartly and replied "It's a bird's nest just fallen from the roof, sir."

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(To be Continued.)

Dumbartonshire Volunteer Rifles

Annual Dinner and Farewell to Sergeant-Major Macdonald.

One of the most popular Volunteer Gatherings in the West of Scotland took place in the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross, Glasgow, on the evening of the 2nd December, when the Annual Dinner of the Sergeants of the Dumbartonshire Volunteer Rifles was held. The interior of the banqueting hall, when the 180 odd members and guests, (nearly all of whom were in uniform), sat down to dinner, presented an animated and striking appearance. Sergeant-Major Peter Macdonald presided and after a very sumptuous repast was disposed of, a varied and interesting programme was commenced. Several musical items having been rendered by various members of the company, the chief feature of the evening—the honouring of Sergeant-Major Macdonald on the occasion of his forth-coming retirement from the service—was entered upon.

Armourer-Sergt. Lawrence, "C" Company, Dumbarton, was called upon to make the presentation ceremony. In the course of a felicitous speech, he said it was to the credit of Sergt.-Major Macdonald that there was such a large turn out at the annual dinner of the corps that night, and the augmentation of the company by contingents from other regiments was an unfailing indication of the regard in which their guest was held. He was not only held in respect and popularity in the County in which he was located, but in many of the surrounding districts. While they were all very pleased to honour Sergeant-Major Macdonald on that occasion, there was a certain regret attaching to the occasion by reason of the fact that he was about to cut short his connection with the Dumbartonshire Rifles for the seclusion of private life. That they regretted his forth-coming retirement was undoubted but no one could grudge the Sergt.-Major a rest from the duties which he had discharged with so much assiduity and success for so long. He was just about to complete his 34th year in the service, 20 of which had been served in the Dumbartonshire Rifles, and of these he had acted for 14 years in the capacity of sergeant-major. Coming to Dumbarton as a colour-sergeant from the 93rd Highlanders, he was eventually posted at Bonhill as sergeant-instructor, where he remained for six years before receiving his appointment as sergeant-major of the Dumbartonshire corps for which he had done so much. They all had pleasure in taking that opportunity of presenting Sergeant-Major Macdonald with a roll-top desk and chair, along with a silver tea service and salver to Mrs. Macdonald, as an expression of the good wishes of the sergeants of the regiment on the occasion of his retiral.

Armourer Sergeant Lawrence, amidst enthusiasm, handed over the handsome gifts to the recipient.

Sergeant-Major Macdonald made brief but graceful acknowledgment of the honour that had been done him. He thanked them all very heartily for the handsome, costly, and unlooked for gifts which, he assured them, would remind him in his private life of his pleasant associations with the Dumbartonshire Rifles. He had been connected with the corps for a long period, but he was proud to say that he could never regret having become connected with it, and what he had contributed to its success had been most admirably backed up by its officers, non-commissioned officers and men, to all of whom he felt very grateful for their assistance, and finally their tangible expressions of good will and appreciation.

Colonel Denny, in an ably eulogistic speech, felicitated Sergeant-Major Macdonald on the occasion, and paid him a high tribute for the high state of efficiency to which he had brought the corps.

The health of the Sergeant-Major was enthusiastically pledged.

Sergt.-Instructor Kerr gave the toast of "The health of the Officers," and in doing so referred to the esprit de corps that existed between the officers and non-coms. He thought that that spirit, which was so desirable, would continue to manifest itself in the doings of the regiment in the future. He coupled the toast with the name of Colonel Denny, and it was heartily responded to.

Colonel Denny in a few appropriate remarks acknowledged the toast which was followed by others.

The remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent in song and social converse. The vocal ability shown was of a high order and the gentlemen who gave their services towards this important part of the evening's enjoyment are to be congratulated on the success of all their endeavours. To Colour-Sergeant J. Patrick, the courteous and energetic mess president, the success of all the arrangements was largely due.

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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

Quite a large number of changes in the personnel of the Mess fall to be recorded this month.

Colour Sergeants Ogg, "D" Company, and Wallace, "B" Company, have received their promotion vice Tyndall and Johnstone respectively, while Lance Sergeants S. Smith, Watt and Douglas have been promoted Sergeants.

Of the new members of the mess, Corporals McKinlay and Ewing have been appointed Lance-Sergeants while Lance Sergeant Tawse, who has been acting as signalling instructor, is confirmed in his rank.

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On Colour Sergeant Johnstone being appointed to the volunteer Staff while at home on furlough, the mess has lost one of its oldest and most popular members. One of the best shots in the battalion, his presence will be missed in our competitions, but in Lance Sergeant McKinlay we have a capable substitute.

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Owing to the frequent absence of the battalion during the month on manœuvres, the fortnightly dances have been at a discount. The tennis courts have been well patronised, however, and prior to our leaving for Secunderabad an attempt was made to bring off a long talked of tournament.

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Hockey.

93rd Highlanders *versus* Gymnastic Class.

This match was played on the Gymkhana Club ground, and although it was exceptionally heavy a very fast game was witnessed. The Class were never really dangerous, the Highlanders monopolising the play throughout the hour. Lieut. Gilmour had two goals to his credit in the first half, and in the second half the same player brought the total up to 5, thus winning a very hard game by 5—Nil.

93rd Highlanders' Team:

Goal: Pte. Mowatt. Backs: Sgt. Markey, Lce. Cpl. Eite. Half Backs: Lt. Harley, Pte. Berry and Lt. Porteous. Forwards: Pte. Faulds, Corpl. Campbell, Lieuts. Gilmour, Bruce and Thomson. Referee: Mr. Edwards, Gymkhana Club.

Ninety-Third Calendar for March, 1906.

1	Th.	Halted Shajahanpur *en route*, Oudh jungles to Sabathu, 1859; delayed three days on account of weather.
2	F.	
3	S.	Hd.-qrs. ("E," "F," "G," and "H" Coys,) Bareilly for Chubattia, 1899. Lt.-Col. Halkett relinquished command, 1810, to 10th Foot. Hd.-qrs arrived Ranikhet, 1901.
4	S.	George Johnstone, Lt.-Col., 1810.
5	M.	Arrived Halifax from England after bad passage, 1838.
6	Tu.	
7	W.	Lieut.-Col. Andrew Creagh to 81st Foot 1822. Henry Milling, Lt.-Col., 1822 (never joined). Arrived Malta, 1854.
8	Th.	Disembarked, Malta, 1854 (Minie Rifle issued).
9	F.	Capture of Martiniere College, final attack upon Lucknow, 1858. Arrived Rawalpindi from Umballa, 1860. Surgeon-Major William Munro, M.D., C.B., left after 13 years in regiment to take up appointment of D.I G. of Hospitals, 1867. Annual Regimental Games 1905.
10	S.	Lieut.-General William Wemyss, Colonel of the Regiment, 1850.
11	S.	Begum Kothee, Lucknow, stormed 1858; 2 Officers, 13 N.C.O's. and men killed; 2 Officers, 45 N.C.O.'s and men wounded.
12	M.	
13	Tu.	
14	W.	
15	Th.	
16	F.	William Wemyss, Lt.-Col., 1815.
17	S.	
18	S.	
19	M.	Peshawar District, Assault-at-arms, 1896, win "Tug of War," pulling Devons, and Signalling Competition. D Company, winners of Football League at Poona, 1904.
20	Tu.	Peshawar District, Assult-at-Arms, 1896, 2nd day; pulled "Buffs" in final. Left Shorncliffe for Dublin, 1876.
21	W.	Severe street fighting in Lucknow, 1858, Inter-Coy. "Tug of War," "H" Coy. win shield, Ranikhet, 1900,
22	Th.	
23	F.	Duncan Macgregor, Lt.-Col. 1826, vice Lt.-Col. Sir Chas. Gordon, to half-pay.
24	S.	Annual inspection of Bareilly by Brigadier General Clifford, 1898.
25	S.	Troopship "*Himalaya*" with 93rd arrived Leith from Bombay 1870. Annual inspection (2nd Day), 1898,
26	M.	do. (3rd day, 1898) Inter-Coy. Physical Drill Competition, "C" Company wins Shield, Ranikhet, 1900.
27	Tu.	Final capture of Lucknow, 1858.
28	W.	Disembarked, Leith, 1870; head-quarters to Aberdeen, Detachments to Perth and Stirling.
29	Th.	2nd Bn., 93rd, left Aberdeen for Gravesend, 1814. Left Gibraltar for Portsmouth, 1881.
30	F.	2nd Bn. 93rd, Aberdeen for Gravesend, 1841.
31	S.	

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM "THE LONDON GAZETTE" dated 5th January 1906.

Princes Louise's Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

Major H. D'E. Vallancey, D.S.O., is seconded on employment on the staff, 16th November 1905.

PROMOTIONS,

To be Colour Sergeants

No. 4841 Sergeant Ogg, "D" Company, 2nd January 1906.

No. 3079 Sergt. A. A. Wallace, "B" Coy, 4th Jan. 1906
,, 5530 ,, S. Gurney, (Supernumerary to Estbmt)

To be Sergeants.

No. 5490 Lce.-Sgt S. Smith, "H" Coy. 2nd Jan. 1906
,, 6112 ,, A. Watt, "B" Coy. 2nd ,,
,, 3880 ,, J. Douglas, "G" Coy 2nd ,,
,, 10019 Lce.-Cpl. W. W. Bell, "G" Coy. and to be Pioneer Sergeant 12th Jan. 1906.

To be Corporals.

No. 7192 Lce.-Cpl. C. Campbell, "B" Coy. 2nd Jan, 1906
,, 5287 ,, C. Munro, "A" Coy, 2nd Jan. 1906
,, 5394 ,, J. Ross, "D" Coy. 4th Jan. 1906
,, 7438 ,, J. Galbraith, "D" Coy. 4th Jan. 1906

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Orderly Room Clerk.

No. 7438 Corpl. J. Galbraith, "D" Coy. 4th Jan. 1906

To be Lance Sergeants.

No. 5281 Lce.-Sgt. R. Tawse, "D" Coy. 4th Jan.
,, 7501 Corpl. J. McKinley, "C" Coy. 2nd Jan. 1906
,, 5408 ,, A. Ewing, "E" Coy. 2nd Jan. 1906

To be temporary Lce.-Corporal while Garrison Librarian.

No. 6914 Pte. R. Steadman, "A" Company

To be Bandsmen.

No. 9664 Boy W. Lawrie, "H" Company
,, 9639 ,, Steadman } "E" ,,
,, 9670 ,, Stevenson. }

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals

No. 9711 Lce.-Cpl. T. Forrest, "A" Coy. 3rd Jan. 1906
,, 6892 ,, T. Smith, "F" Coy. 3rd do.
,, 6746 ,, J. Wright, "E" Coy. 3rd do.
,, 7038 ,, J. McLachlan, "A" Coy. 4th Jan.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 5169 Pte. H. Allan | No. 7911 Pte. T. Reilly

"B" Company.

No. 7936 Pte. W. Strain | No. 7896 Pte. W. Reid

"C" Company.

No. 7804 Pte. W. Johnstone | No. 7885 Pte. T. Pagan
No. 7875 Private J. Caldwell

"D" Company.

No. 7869 Dr. J. Wardrope | No. 7856 Pte. G. Smith
,, 7842 Pte. W. Walker | ,, 7855 ,, P. Taylor
,, 8010 ,, W. McQueen | ,, 5129 ,, H. McLean

"E" Company.

No. 6905 Pte. P. Russell | No. 7840 Dr. D. McIntosh

"F" Company.

No. 8005 Pte. J. Wright

"H" Company.

No. 6842 Private D. McKay.

Class I at Sixpence.

"B" Company.

No. 8149 Private G. Hall

"C" Company.

No. 7792 Private J. Campbell

"E" Company.

No. 7485 Private J. Phillips

"F" Company.

No. 9144 Pte. J. Hall | No. 7623 Pte. D. Bruce

"G Company.

No. 9063 Private W. Stewart

"H" Company.

No. 7722 Private W. Dunsmore

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted Three G. C. Badges.

No. 4972 Private J. Keir, "C" Company
,, 4949 ,, J. Chalmers, "E" Company
,, 4757 ,, R. Cullen, "E" Company

Granted Two G. C. Badges.

"B" Company.

No. 7340 Pte. W. Law | No. 7091 Pte. J. Monteith
,, 7486 ,, A. Snowden | ,, 9343 ,, D. Wilson
No. 7066 Private H. Snedden

"C" Company.

No, 7885 Pte. T. Pagan | No. 7586 Pte. C. McMillan

"D" Company.

No. 6226 Pte. W. Hume | No. 7842 Pte. W. Walker
,, 7855 ,, P. Taylor | ,, 7726 ,, W. O'Hare
,, 7852 ,, J. Muir | ,, 7869 Dr. J. Wardrope.
No. 7856 Private G. Smith

"E" Company.

No. 6473 Pte. J. Duncan | No. 6081 Pte. G. Douglas
,, 7516 ,, P. Paton | ,, 7540 ,, J. McKenzie

"F" Company.

No. 7784 Drum. J. Stewart | No. 5762 Pte. J. McEachern

"G" Company.

No. 7567 Pte. A. Dicker | No. 5017 Pte. J. Scott
No. 5243 Lce.-Cpl. H. Lawrie

Granted one G. C. Badge.

"C" Company.

No. 6472 Private D. Drew

"E" Company

No. 6479 Pte. A. McFarlane | No. 9080 Pte. J. Reilly
,, 6768 ,, J. Peebles | ,, 8189 ,, P. Skiff
,, 6905 ,, P. Russell | ,, 8907 ,, J. Fraser
No. 9362 Bandsman W. Blyth

"F" Company.

No, 7593 Private H. Curran

"H" Company.

No. 9155 Private W. Bycroft.

CERTIFICATES.

Qualified at Satara School of Musketry.

No. 4841 Cr.-Sgt. J. Ogg, "D" Coy. "Distinguished"
,, 5864 ,, J. Brash, "G" Company

Passed in Group I. 1st Class Certificate of Education.

No. 6569 Sergeant D. McCallum, "B" Company
,, 9199 Lce.-Cpl. A. Maun, "A" ,,
,, 9302 Drummer V. R. Campbell, "H" Company

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Granted Mounted Infantry Certificates.

No. 6826 Sergeant A. Gibb, "B" Company
,, 5678 Lce. Sgt. T. Scott, "C" Company.
,, 6009 Lce. Cpl. D. Birrell, "E" Company
,, 6172 ,, F. Eite, "G" Company
"A" Company.
No. 8117 Pte. J. Lynch | No. 9225 Pte. T. Guthrie
"B" Company.
No. 8149 Private G. Hall
"C" Company.
No. 8100 Pte. J. Clarke | No. 6663 Pte. C. Dunne
No. 7822 Private J. Stephens.
"D" Company.
No. 7852 Pte. J. Muir | No. 7926 Pte. A. Potts.
"F" Company.
No. 5762 Pte. J. McEachern | No. 6338 Pte. W. Balfour
"G" Company.
No. 8158 Pte. W. Gerry | No. 8153 Pte. J. Lamb
"H" Company.
No. 5607 Pte. T. Pollock | No. 8153 Pte. J. Finlay.

Passed at an examination in Stretcher bearing.

		Coy.			Coy.
No. 4761 L-C	A. Bowe,	"H"	No. 8026 Pte.	W. Baillie,	"A"
,, 9616 ,,	J. Beattie,	"A"	,, 8083 ,,	T. Forsyth,	"D"
,, 7710 Pte.	J. Jack,	"D"	,, 7752 ,,	J. McLachlan,	"D"
,, 7216 ,,	J. Graham,	"E"	,, 7620 ,,	M. Dawson,	"E"
,, 7723 ,,	J. McCarthy,	"E"	,, 7459 ,,	G. McNair,	"E"
,, 7014 ,,	J. Scott,	"G"	,, 8028 ,,	G. McPherson,	"G"
,, 5675 ,,	J. Scobie,	"G"	,, 8161 ,,	J. Aitkin,	"G"
,, 6943 ,,	D. Morrison,	"G"	,, 6804 ,,	A. McLachlan,	"H"
,, 7699 ,,	R. Pickett,	"H"	,, 8191 ,,	J. Lawrie,	"H"

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service with the Colours.

No. 5044 Lce.-Cpl. J. McMahon, "C" Company
,, 5248 Private J. Orr, "D" Company
,, 5198 ,, J. Marshall, "D" Company
,, 5205 ,, J. Cross, "D" Company
,, 5320 ,, J. Davies, "E" Company

Extended to complete 12 years' service with the Colours.

No. 6569 Sergeant D. McCallum, "B" Company
,, 7139 Lce.-Cpl. A. Cowie, "B" Company
,, 6415 Private J. Caskie, "H" Coy. (on receiving bounty)

Extended to complete 8 years' with the Colours.

No. 9144 Pte. J. Hall, "F" Coy. (on receiving furlough)

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

On transfer from 2nd Suffolk Regiment.

No. 10019 Lce.-Cpl. W. W. Bell, posted to "G" Coy.

Recruit.

Albert Bertram Algar, attested on 10th January, posted to "G" Company

On Married Establishment.

Malcolm David, son of No. 7578 Lce.-Sgt. M. Murdoch, "C" Company.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

On transfer to Home Establishment.

No. 3077 Cr.- Sergt. C. Johnstone, "D" Company

Embarked on H. T. "Plassey" on the 10th January.

For Discharge.

		Coy.			Coy.
No. 4981 Pte.	A. Malone,	"C"	No. 4972 Pte.	J. Keir,	"C"
,, 4975 ,,	W. Clarke,	"A"	,, 9772 ,,	J. Thornton,	"G"
,, 8428 ,,	W. Watson,	"A"	,, 9016 ,,	W. Brown,	"C"

Transfer to Army Reserve.

		Coy.			Coy.
,, 6333 Pte.	R. Donachy,	"B"	No. 6335 Pte.	D. McCreath,	"F"
,, 6344 ,,	F. Eskew,	"H"	,, 6347 ,,	H. Lee,	"G"
,, 6339 ,,	W. Dickson,	"H"	,, 6362 ,,	J. Kelly,	"B"
,, 6355 ,,	G. Boyd,	"H"	,, 6375 ,,	D. Donaldson,	"G"
,, 6378 ,,	H. Nevard,	"H"	,, 6286 ,,	J. Allan,	"G"
,, 6405 ,,	T. Arthur,	"H"	,, 6412 ,,	J. Murphy,	"D"
,, 6413 ,,	R Watson,	"D"	,, 6429 ,,	D. Turnbull,	"E"
,, 6422 ,,	A. King,	"F"	,, 6434 ,,	J. Turpie	"D"
,, 5876 ,,	J. Candlish,	"E"	,, 6441 ,,	T Green,	"F"
,, 6453 ,,	T. Craig,	"H"	,, 6444 ,,	J. Young,	"E"
,, 9061 ,,	T. Boyle,	"D"	,, 9062 ,,	J. Steel,	"H"
,, 9071 ,,	C. Wallace.	"H"	,, 9085 ,,	M. Gahan,	"H
,, 9089 ,,	W. Carrol,	"E"			

Embarked on H. T. "Ionian" on 26th January.

Time expired 12 years.

No. 5008 Pte. J. Young, "C" | No. 5016 Pte. W. Warnock, "F

Transfer to Army Reserve.

		Coy.			Coy.
No. 9094 Pte.	A. McKay,	"G"	No. 9093 Pte.	T. Graham,	"F
,, 9101 ,,	W. McKay,	"H"	,, 9102 ,,	W. Wright,	"F"
,, 9106 ,,	S. Clark,	"E"	,, 9136 ,,	J. Brown,	"E"
,, 9125 ,,	J. Penny,	"H"	,, 9116 ,,	W. Dillon,	"H"
,, 9 17 ,,	R. Ferguson,	"H"	,, 6463 ,,	J. McKenna,	"D"
,, 6461 Cpl.	G. Shanks,	"B"	,, 6479 ,,	A. McFarlane,	"E

TRANSFERS.

INTER-COMPANY.

No. 6182 Sergeant A. Watt, "B" to "C" Company
,, 7192 Corporal C. Campbell, "B" to "H" Company
,, 5287 ,, C. Monro, "A" to "B" Company.
,, 5304 ,, J. Ross, "D" to "G" Company

MISCELLANEOUS.

Attained 18 years of age.

No. 9060 Drummer W. McCulloch, "C" Company
,, 9054 Piper H. McLachlan, "D" Company
,, 9090 Bandsman A. Petrie, "A" Company

Service restored in accordance with Para 1842 K. R.

No. 6540 Private J. McKenzie, "E" Company
,, 5733 ,, J. Dawson, "H" Company
,, 9944 ,, A. Lamie, "A" Company

FURLOUGH.

No. 6486 B'dm. F. Noble, "G" Coy. 1st to 11th February

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Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

MURDOCH.—At Poona, on the 16th January 1906, to the wife of Lance Sergeant M. Murdoch, "C" Company, a son, *Malcolm David.*

DEATHS.

HOUSTON.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 4th January 1906, Private William Houston, "D" Company, Ninety Third Highlanders, aged 31 years.

MCTEAR.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 10th January 1906, Private Andrew McTear, "G" Company, Ninety Third Highlanders, aged 21 years.

BLAIR.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 13th January 1906 Private Thomas Blair, "A" Company, Ninety Third Highlanders, aged 28 years.

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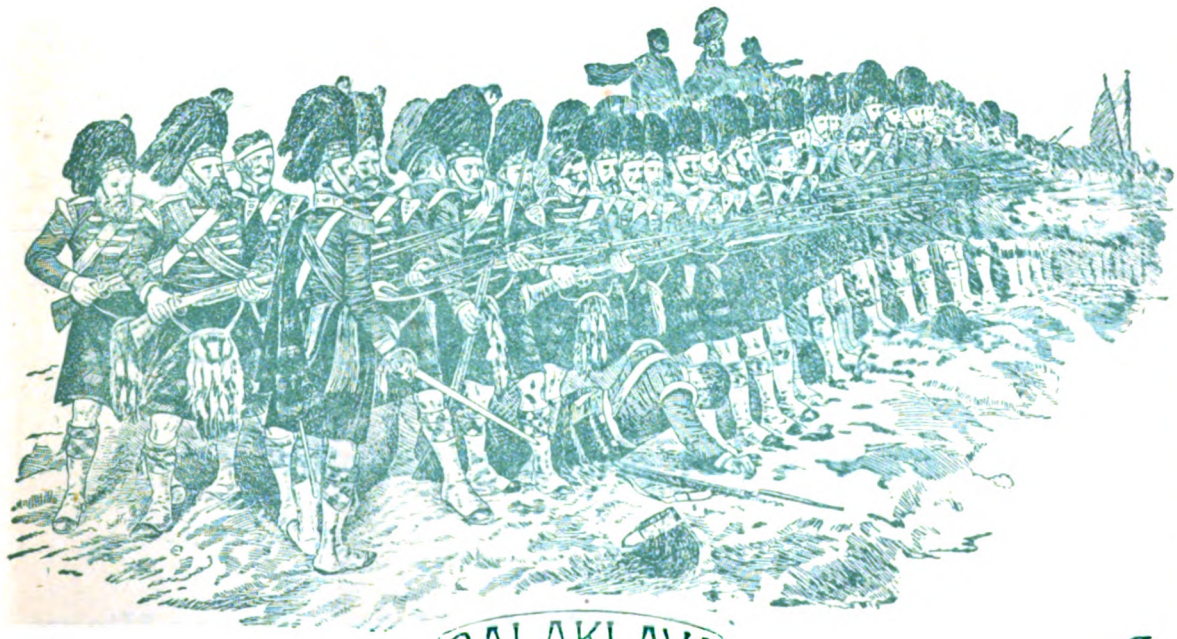

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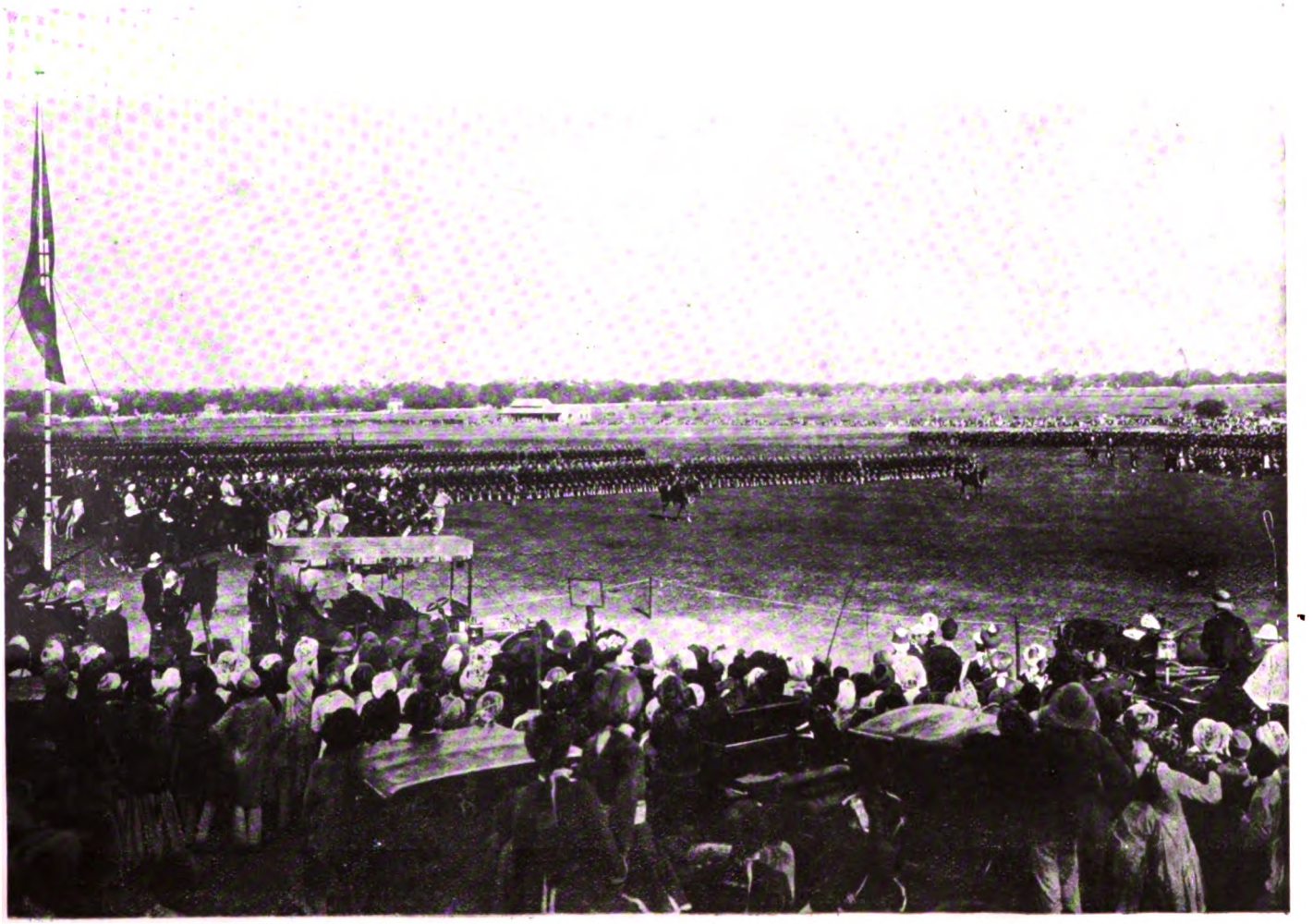

The Ninety Third Highlanders marching past H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

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SKIRLS.

Many and varied have the rumours been regarding the next move of the Ninety Third, and although South Africa as our ultimate destination was pretty frequently mentioned of late, the official intimation of the move came rather as a surprise to most of us. In comparison with last year, the reliefs have been early notified, so while setting our house in order for the final move let us trust the authorities will feel kindly disposed towards us with regard to barrack accommodation in Pretoria or whatever station we may be selected to occupy.

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From the list of reliefs of Scottish battalions which appears on another page it will be seen that there is no change of station for the Ninety First, thus knocking on the head the old rumour that they would relieve us in India. As there is every possibility that the Ninety Third will not have much longer to serve abroad it will be interesting to learn whether the home battalion will relieve us in South Africa or not.

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The battalion consisting of over 800 of all ranks left Poona on the 1st instant to take part in the review by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Secunderabad. Our encampment was just outside Trimulgherry Fort, and after ten days pleasantly passed, a return to Poona was made on the 12th, arriving back on the morning of the 13th. An account of our doings while away appears in our columns this month.

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During February the days seem to have grown much warmer and the change from serge clothing to khaki has been appreciated. From now until the monsoon arrives the hot weather will probably continue, and as the temperature is at present bordering on the century, one does not care about being out much after the sun is well up.

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We hear that the regimental games will take place on the maidan towards the end of March, and as there are several new competitions on the boards a better entry than usual should result.

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From Private McCreath, late of this battalion, we have received information of the death of No. 6453, Private Craig, "H" Company, who was proceeding home, time-expired in the H. T. Plassey. The deceased reported sick when about a week from home, and getting worse, died two days sail from England and was buried at sea. It is a particularly sad thing to chronicle

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the passing away of any comrade, but it is all the more so when he was so nearly home again in his native land.

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Since our return to barracks, "H" Company, under Lieutenant Sandeman, have commenced on their annual course of musketry. They are the last company to be exercised. Opportunity has also been taken to put the gymnastic casuals through the annual twelve days weight reducing performance.

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Up to the moment of writing very little has been published regarding the Football League although it is now three weeks later than the date when the start was made last year. Unless a commencement is soon made, the competition will lose some of the interest generally maintained in it, and the excessively hot evenings will probably interfere with the play.

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We have very much pleasure in publishing with this issue, a reproduction of a photo of the Ninety Third marching past H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was taken by that popular photographer, Mr. P. Metzker of Poona and Secunderabad. The Editor is indebted to Mr. Metzker for his permission.

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There is every probability that at an early date the Government will seriously consider the advisability of reducing the South African garrison, says a home paper. Recent official returns show the strength of the troops quartered there to consist of four regiments of Cavalry, four batteries of Field Artillery, two companies of Garrison Artillery, seven companies and detachments of Royal Engineers, thirteen battalions of Infantry, three Mounted Infantry regiments, eight companies of Army Service Corps, three companies of the Ordnance Store Corps, and detachments of the Royal Army Medical Corps, etc. The total strength is shown at about twenty thousand men, but from this we must deduct the battalion of the Royal Garrison Regiment, which has since been disbanded. The necessity for the maintenance of such a large garrison has practically passed away, and in many cases the duties performed by the military might safely be entrusted either to the South African Constabulary or to local Volunteers, but in any case there can be little doubt that the Government will await the return of the Duke of Connaught before taking any decisive steps.

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On reading the recent service papers we have good reasons for believing that it is the intention at the War Office, ere long, to discontinue the present system of grouped regimental districts. It must not be overlooked that this grouping was initiated last year more in the light of an experiment than as a settled organisation, and that reports as to the result of the experiment were to be made in due course. As might have been expected, the experiment has not proved a success generally, and withal no substantial advantage seems to have been gained by the change. At the outset the weight of opinion amongst experienced soldiers was decidedly opposed to this lumping together of regimental districts. These districts have now been in existence for over thirty years, though previous to 1881 they were styled brigade depots, and it is rightly contended that an organisation which has stood the test of so many years, and proved its great utility over and over again, should not be cast aside.

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From a recent "Indian Gazette" we learn that Lieutenant the Hon'ble R. Bruce, has been appointed an extra Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency Lord Lamington, Lieutenant-Governor of Bombay.

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During our absence at the review, another draft arrived, under the command of 2nd Lieutenant Falconar-Stewart who was returning from leave. Colour-Sergeant Lockie, and Sergeants Milne and McRae, returning off furlough, also accompanied the draft. Judging from its appearance, the draft should be a creditable addition to the battalion, but it seems a pity that nearly the half of the number should be three years men, and consequently liable to go home whenever they will be of some use to the army.

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In the February supplement to "Life and Work" we learn that the number who took communion in St. Andrew's Church during 1905 was 95. This is indeed a change from the days when the number of church members in the ninety-third was over 600, but of course at that time there was only the "Auld Kirk," while now there are so many different sects that a good many recruits on enlisting, generally enquire where the nearest church is, and down goes their religion accordingly.

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Schoolmaster R. H. Burnard having left us to join the home establishment, the charge of the regimental school has been taken over by Schoolmaster A. H. Tarbotton. In welcoming the latter to the Ninety-Third let us hope that although we at present stand well up the roll in educational circles, he will always have the pupils to send us still higher.

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The news of the recent promotion of Lieutenant W. G. Stonor from the King's Own Scottish Borderers to a Captaincy in the Duke of Cambridge's own (Middlesex Regiment) was received with considerable interest in the Ninety Third where Captain Stonor served for so many years.

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While naturally pleased to see an old comrade getting on so well, the *Thin Red Line* feels particularly gratified at the success of its one time owner and afterwards managing editor.

By the death of Mr. John Mackay, C.E., Hereford, of which word was received by mail, the regiment has lost one of its enthusiastic admirers. A native of Sutherlandshire, he was always to the front in matters Celtic and for a good many years he conducted the well known Highland magazine "The Celtic Monthly."

Captain H. G. Hyslop, of this Battalion, has been appointed to act as Inspector of Gymnasia in India, during the absence of Colonel Goodwyn, D.S.O., on leave.

Lance Corporals Wright and Carlyle, took part in the Bengal Presidency Sports at Calcutta last month, and have thereby added to their reputation as cyclists. In the three miles British Army Championship, Lance Corporal Wright riding a Hobart machine secured the premier place after a severe struggle, and we understand he has the honour of being the first Scottish soldier to win it.

After his fight at Bombay, Private Macdonald was made the recipient of a fine silver cup bearing the following inscription. "Presented by H. H. the Maharaja of Rewah, G C.S.I., to Private Jack Macdonald on the occasion of his win with Sam Newman, Bombay 20th February, 1906."

Messrs. Coutts and Company, the proprietors of the "Soldiers' Express Service" have intimated to us that they have opened an establishment at Karachi. Our readers cannot do better than patronize the firms advertising in our columns, their reputation for safety being so well known.

The Editor is indebted to "The Indian Sporting Times" for permission to reproduce its notes on the Macdonald-Newman Fight.

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We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the following papers:—

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Our Visit to Secunderabad.

With pleasure the news was received that the Ninety Third Highlanders had been included in the troops to be reviewed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad.

Without delay the arrangements for our journey were carried through, and the first of February found us leaving Poona for Secunderabad where the principal military functions were to take place. The battalion of the following strength of Warrant officers, N.C.O.'s and men, "A" Company, 100, "B" 96, "G" 99, "D" 91, "E" 110, "F" 101, "G" 95 and "H" 108, proceeded in two troop trains, the first with "A" "B" "C" "D" and "H" Companies and the Band, Drums and Pipes being commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley Paterson, while the second composed of of "E" "F" and "G" Companies and the baggage was under Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V O. The entrainment took place from Ghorpuri siding, the first party leaving at 4 p.m. and the second at 5 p.m.

The first stoppage was at Dhond, two hours after leaving Poona, and a very acceptable issue of tea was made all round. The journey was then continued during the night. Shortly before sunrise we found ourselves at Wadi, on the borders of Hyderabad State. The G. I. P. railway was then left and the remainder of the journey made on the state railway. All day long the trains sped through the varied, rocky country of the most powerful native ruler in India, and the first train having made a different and slightly longer route than the second, the whole battalion arived at Secunderabad station about 5 p.m. on the 2nd February.

On disentraining we learned that our camp had been pitched at Trumulgherry Fort, the Second Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers having been good enough to do this for us, a service for which we are very much indebted to them. The three miles between the railway station and the camp was quickly covered, the bands of the 1st Lincolns, 1st Manchesters and the 13th Hussars having turned up at the station to escort us to camp, a method of welcome much appreciated by all ranks of the Ninety Third

Arriving at last in camp, dinner was found to be waiting for us, a detachment of cooks having arrived with the advance party. Our "inner man" having been satisfied, and the baggage, which had been unloaded by "H" Company, turning up safely the camp was soon quiet for the night.

Next day—Saturday—was devoted to squaring up the lines and finding out the places we were not allowed to go to, which, as a first impression, seemed to be more numerous than those we were at liberty to visit.

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On Sunday morning a church parade service was held in camp for the members of the Church of Scotland, the drumhead service being conducted by the Reverend Mr. Boyle.

This concluded, everybody turned out for plague inspection, and on dismissal, the remainder of the day was quietly passed in camp or in visiting the different regiments in the Cantonments.

Monday found us early on the road to take part in the rehearsal parade on the general parade ground at Secunderabad, and as we did not arrive back in camp till well on in the forenoon, we found it rather warm work.

To those of us who served in the Tochi Campaign it was interesting to find ourselves again under the command of Lieutenant-General Egerton, and when word arrived that he would inspect the Battalion much pleasure was evinced in again meeting the General. Tuesday 6th February was chosen for the event, and at 7 a.m. we paraded in drill order to receive him. Having received the "present" Lieutenant-General Egerton, accompanied by his staff, rode slowly along the line and on conclusion informed Colonel Paterson that he was extremely pleased with the look and bearing of the men. The parade was then dismissed, the officers adjourning to the mess where old acquaintances were renewed.

Wednesday and Thursday passed without anything of note occurring, drill parades being held in the morning while in the evening, football matches were played with the Manchester Regiment whom we defeated by 2 goals against 1, and against the 13th Hussars who defeated us by 1 goal against nil. Both matches were well contested and aroused a good deal of interest in the garrison.

Friday—the day of the review—dawned at last, and in full review order the battalion paraded at 6-40 a.m. and in less than an hour we were in position on the general parade ground.

The Secunderabad parade ground is one of the largest in India and it is certainly one of the most pleasant. It is no mere prim oblong but a bit of undulating country rising towards Bolarum, dotted with trees and yet with plenty of level space for ceremonial movements. Nor is it a dusty desert like Mian Mir and Rawal Pindi, but in some places actually green, even at this season of the year; so green that with judicious watering the possibility of dust had not to be gravely considered except for the gallop past. On parade the regiments in the Secunderabad Garrison were formed up as follows:—L. Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery on the right, the 13th Hussars, the 26th Prince of Wales' Own Light Cavalry, the 20th Cavalry and the Hyderabad Imperial Service Lancers. Then the Field Artillery, three batteries—the 1st, 16th and 41st. On the right of the Infantry stood the 13th Company of the Queens' Own Sappers and Miners, representing the gallant corps which carries on the finest traditions of the old Madras Army. The Infantry were drawn up in line of quarter columns by Brigade—the Lincolns, Royal Fusiliers, Manchesters, and Ninety Third Highlanders, leading the Brigades and the Native Infantry in a compact wall behind them. The 2nd Brigade, to which we belonged, was under the command of Colonel Curry, D.S.O, of the 1st Lincolns.

The review was the largest their Royal Highnesses have seen since there passed before them that great display of armed might at Rawal Pindi. On no occasion have they seen troops of the Indian Army better handled or better led, but though Rawal Pindi may have produced greater numbers it did not produce superior troops. The Prince, accompanied by Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Egerton, Commanding at Secunderabad, and his Highness the Nizam, and escorted by the Imperial Service Lancers, inspected the line. The Nizam rode a shapely milk-white charger and wore his quaint, handsome uniform. Then the gleaming lance points and bayonets quivered for a moment as the columns turned and moved into position for the march past. And the stately procession began. The Horse Gunners were as usual perfection. Whatever other Powers may think of the British Army, none of them can beat our Artillery even by the pick of millions. And again as the Cavalry walked past one could not help admiring the manner in which the mounted arm in India is horsed. There is nothing to equal it on the Continent. The Infantry marched past in columns of double companies, 2nd Lieutenants Lord G. H. L. Dundas and R. G. Maclaine carrying our Colours, and the marching and physique of all ranks were subjects of general comment, the appearance of the Ninety Third in particular causing considerable interest to the many spectators The gallop-past was disappointing. The Horse artillery swept by, their guns leaping after them like things of life, and the Cavalry, except the Hussars, were ragged and after them the Imperial Service Lancers easily took second place. One little incident is worth mentioning as showing what may happen to the wounded on the battlefield. One of the Hussars lost his helmet near the salutingpoint and although three regiments charged over the same ground the helmet was not touched. After the advance in review order his Royal Highness expressed to Sir Charles Egerton his warm appreciation of the appearance and discipline of the troops and to the different commanding officers his admiration of their bearing. To Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson the Prince remarked that the Ninety Third looked awfully well.

The review then concluded we marched back to camp arriving heated and hungry by 9-50 a.m.

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Orders having been received that we should return on Monday 12th, nothing more of interest occurred, Camp Inspection on Saturday, and Church Parade and plague inspection on Sunday occupying our time.

Striking our tents commenced on Monday and by mid-day we were all entrained and speeding on our way to Poona where we arrived on Tuesday forenoon, the journey occupying less than twenty-four hours, excellent travelling for India.

The following Officers proceeded with the regiment.

Officer Commanding, Lt.-Col. S. Paterson.

2nd in Command, Major A.F. Mackenzie, M.V.O.

CAPTAINS: K. F. C. Marshall; W. J. B. Tweedie; A. H. Maclean; D. J. Glasfurd; P. D. Mc Candlish; A. Elphinston. LIEUTENANTS: H. M. Thomson; J. Kennedy, (Adjt.); O. C. Herbert (Paymaster); M. G. Sandeman; A. E. Kennedy; C. P. James; W. J Cuninghame; Lord G. H L. Dundas; R. G. Maclaine; A. C. Gilmour & D. M. Porteous; Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. Lundie, and Lieut. Bradley, R.A.M.C.

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Boxing.

THE NEWMAN-MACDONALD FIGHT.

A GRAND BATTLE.

The much-talked-of and looked-forward-to meeting of "Sam" Newman, who claims the welter championships of Manila and China, and whom we saw polish off "Paddy" Burke of the H. M. S. Terrible, and of Private Macdonald of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who has the right to claim the Championship of the Army in India at his weight, came off at last on Tuesday the 20th instant. Not only the fight of the evening but the whole show was as great a success and as full of game fights as could have been anticipated with the programme put before the public. Five events were on the programme and some of the decisions were quite contrary to expectations The several officials carried out their work with commendable promptness, and Colonel Grantlam proved himself as much a master as ever in a most difficult position, as referee. Captain Hollis and Sergeant-Major Chinnery were the Judges, Mr. T. L. Roberts, Time-keeper, and Mr. F Hogan, Master of Ceremonies.

In more ways than one the Newman-Macdonald event was "The Fight" of the evening. Newman was the first to enter the ring, wrapped in a sort of dressing gown, on removing which it was very evident he was far too fine drawn and lacked the brightness of a well-trained boxer. In his corner he had Jack Weday, looking very seedy after his recent turn in hospital, and Jack Grace, who is on the look out for a chance to show his worth. "Jack" Macdonald, with the Union Jack scarf round his waist, was the picture of training—he carried himself erect and walked very confidently to his corner, having as a second the winner of the Light-weights in Poona. The two were weighed prior to entering the ring, and Macdonald scaled 10st. 8 lbs. and Newman 10st. 4lbs.

Before shaking hands, they were given to understand that there should be clean break aways and no hitting in clinches.

Round 1 was a quiet affair, both feeling their way, Macdonald was the first to lead and they mixed it. Newman getting home his left and a light right over the heart. On meeting again Mac. found the ribs and they clinched, his next move also resulting in a clinch after which they eased up and Mac getting in lightly with his left, had slightly the better of the round.

Round 2 opened with Newman sparring away but Mac went after him as he withdrew banging him on the side of the head. Mac kept steadily at it with his left, and towards the end of the round Newman got home hard on the cheek and again on the mouth and claimed the round.

Round 3 Newman met a left lead with a right over the heart and they exchanged rights on the head and Mac missed a right swing for the jaw. Mac after this scored several with his left, each being followed by a clinch, and the round was his.

Round 4 was young when Mac missed another business-like right swing but found his left pay till Newman mixed matters and got in a stunning right under the ear, the round ending in Mac's favour.

Round 5 was a more level one, Mac pressing with both hands and going till Newman stopped him with a vicious one on the mouth and another under the eye, and Mac's face began to show signs of punishment. There was a good deal of clinching and after the round the Referee went to Mac's corner to warn him for hitting in holds.

Round 6 was a bad one for Newman, his only scores being two rights, one near the ear and the other a jab on the heart. Mac, as in every round, got in the left and finished off with a right swing which staggered Newman.

Round 7 saw Mac again showing signs of claret from Newman's right and in this round Newman used his left occasionally in countering and more than held his own, again restoring confidence amongst his admirers.

Round 8 saw Newman again busy with his right and on one occasion he missed a jab which might have ended the contest. He gained confidence and went for his man but was met with a left prop and went down but was up immediately.

Round 9 saw Mac worrying Newman with his left and Newman went in and mixed matters and got home twice on the neck.

Round 10 Newman brought a fever from Mac's eyebrow and used his left more, but twice missed heavy rights and could never get near the jaw. Mac was content to get home with his left.

Round 11 Newman appeared now to be tiring and Mac rushed him, a clinch following. Mac made but little use of his right and Newman's rushes consisted of his pushing Mac to the ropes and it seemed as if he did not quite know where he was.

Round 12— Mac immediately set the pace and Newman met him with his left, but Mac went at him again and a right on the head sent him to the boards. Newman was up on the eighth count, and got a rone for powerful right on Mac's ear, but in the ensuing exchanges Newman clinched, in fact both seemed reluctant to let go. They

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then mixed matters and a left and right on the head sent Newman again to the boards to rise as 10 was counted.

Round 13—Was not expected to go through, but Newman came up most pluckily and for a time quite held his own and got home some dangerous rights. It was a last effort, as Mac landed twice on the face and Newman went down as "time" was called.

Round 14—Was evidently to be the last, Newman led feebly and reeled from the effort, clinching to save himself. He held Mac round the neck, and, despite the Referee's instructions, would not break, with the result that Mac was given the word to "fight on." He smashed a right on Newman's jaw as he was drawing off and Newman, on his knees, took the count to the wild delight of the military division of spectators.

It is many years since we have seen such a plucky and hard fight as this was throughout. There is no denying that we were disappointed in Newman, and he and Weday are by no means satisfied. They are both, to put it mildly, very disconcerted and there can be no doubt Newman was too fine drawn from a too severe course of training. From the third round he appeared to weaken and the end came from Macdonald's continual pressing and not from any particular knock out punch. Let us not, however, deprecate from the merit of Macdonald's win. He received some severe punishment on the head and ribs without flinching and showed what a fine left he really has though his right is not what it should be and he seems to lack power for a clean "knock out." As far as science went, it was not too much in evidence and an extraordinarily small variety of hits was indulged in, Macdonald pegged away with his left whereas Newman came in almost always with his right short arm jabs which are as a matter of fact, the nearest way of polishing a man off, but he certainly ought to have used his more left more frequently.

After the fight Sgt.-Major Smith, Xth Hussars, challenged Macdonald on Gr. Dawson's (R. A. Mhow) behalf and was accepted. Before they meet, however, Newman and Macdonald are once more to try conclusions, as Weday feels confident of putting Newman into condition good enough to win should hospital not again keep him away from looking after his partner.

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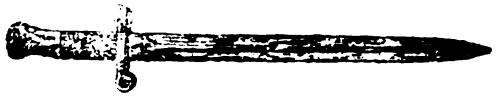
My pugilistic *confrere* has written a graphic description of the slashing fourteen rounds which Sam Newman and Jack Macdonald put up on Tuesday night in the presence of a large and appreciative audience on the Bombay *maidan*. McDonald was fighting the battle of his life against a professional who had scalped a long string of boxers all over the world, and that he had trained hard and consistently from the day he signed the articles was evident from the clean hard condition in which he stripped and the number of heavy punches he was able to stand from Newman without a twitch of the muscles of his face. Newman seemed to have over-trained and was suffering from a strain of the front muscles of one thigh, but he too was hard and muscular. The characteristics of a boxer are always well brought out in a long fight and a reserve of special blows have full time to find scope. Curiously enough in this instance both depended on certain blows and used these with little variation which was noticeable to those who have seen battles in which every variety of blow and every trick of ring craft is utilized by boxers. Macdonald had what in ring parlance is described as a nasty left, and he kept jabbing this into Newman's face on the same spot with painful reiteration for Sam. These left leads are not looked upon as dangerous in a fight where men are waiting for a knock-out but the dashing up of the head in this manner constantly wears out the best of men,

What puzzled most people was, once Newman realized this was Macdonald's pet hit why he should not avoid it by changing his tactics to suit the circumstances. A freer use of the left would have helped him but though advised by his seconds to do so he did not bring it into effect. But just as much as Newman kept his left in the sling did Macdonald keep his right and we saw the curious but common boxing fault of too much dependence on one arm. Macdonald having a jabbing left and Newman swinging right. It was the piston-like pounding of Mac's left that took the stuffing out of Newman and though they laughed at it at first his face became serious when he failed to keep them out. Macdonald pays honest tribute to the force of Sam's blows, and some of them would have clean knocked out a man less prepared than Mac to withstand them. The breaking away in the clinches was fair enough but the Referee cautioned Mac for hitting twice in holds and one of these just beside the point, it was which first sent Newman groggy. When Sam clinched in the last two rounds he was really a goner and was too dazed to be responsible so that Macdonald had no difficulty in administering the *coup de grace*. Had Newman stayed on the fifteen rounds still Macdonald would have won, as his plucky and effective leading piled up the points *ad libitum*.

Macdonald well deserved his victory; the glamour of Newman's reputation did not disturb his mind. He came with his heart in the right place and presented a bold and taking attitude throughout. Newman fought as game as a pebble to the last. Those at the ringside with a vast experience of fistic entertainments, knew exactly when the lights began to look blurred to Newman's eyes, but he went on doggedly, and in the eleventh round he rushed Macdonald to the ropes as he did twice most dangerously during the evening. If he had had the strength to drive home right or left he might have changed the trend of events, but he was then too weak for the required effort and propping him smartly with the left Mac escaped from a tight corner. Newman has the sympathy of the public; for an exhibition of rarer pluck has seldom been witnessed. Here was a geninne fight battled out brilliantly till human energy failed and boxing as a pastime is bettered in the minds of sportsmen.

Newman felt his disappointment keenly and it was a pathetic sight to see him as he realized that MacAlgin was Welter Weight Champion of India, but when the winner came up and said "Will you shake, American boy?" he accepted the proffered paw and was hurried away. By mutual consent they meet again in the same venue and Weday stands bail for Newman that it will take Macdonald all his time to hold the Championship that he now claims fair title to. No rest for the victor. He has Dawson also to consider, as he took up the gloves which Sergt.-Major Smith threw down for the Gunner on Tuesday.



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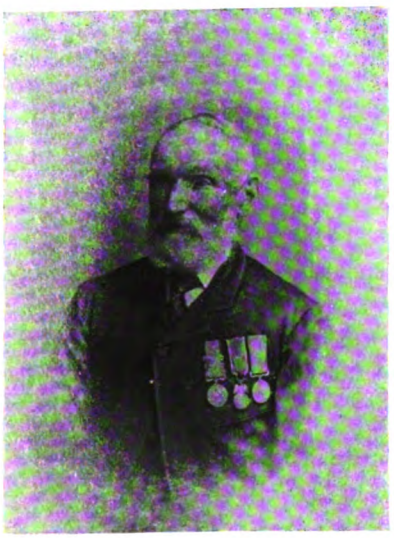
Veterans of the Ninety Third.

No. 1515, Sergeant James Cobb.



Enlisted 21st June, 1841, and served with the 93rd in Canada from 1843 to 1848, during which period he was quartered in Toronto Montreal and Quebec. Was with the Regiment in the Crimea and fought in the battles of Alma and Balaklava and took part in all the actions throughout the Campaign in which the Regiment took part, down to the closing scenes at Sebastopol when he was severely wounded, having his thigh bone smashed. This closed his fighting career as a soldier as he was sent home invalided. On arrival home he was one of the wounded honoured by a visit from the late Queen Victoria, and received from her a handkerchief which is his most treasured possession. The gallant old veteran, who, by the way, belonged to the famous "Grenadier" company, is now in his 83rd year and despite his great age is in fairly good health. He is in possession of the Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol, and the Turkish medal, and has the distinction of wearing the medal for valour presented to several of the 93rd Highlanders by our Crimean allies, the French. Mr. Cobb during his service with the regiment attained the rank of Sergeant and was a recruiter in Dunfermline for a considerable period during which time he made the acquaintance of the future multi-millionaire Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who was then a lad. Mr. Cobb, whose photograph we have much pleasure in publishing, is a native of Brechin, has lived for a great number of years at Arbroath, his residence there being the old toll house at West Links. We wish our gallant old comrade and his amiable helpmate many more years of happiness.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. Allan, *20th Lorne Rifles.*

Below we reproduce a photograph of this fine old Veteran, whom we believe to be the oldest surviving member of the Ninety-Third Sutherland Highlanders. Although Colonel Allan is now over ninety one years of age he still retains some of the vigour which characterises most of our old comrades, and the letter sending his photo, which shews him at the age of sixty, was written by himself.

Lieutenant-Colonel Allan enlisted in 1834 and was a Sergeant when the Ninety Third left Canada in 1848, being then left behind as a drill instructor to the Canadian Militia. He was instrumental in raising the 20th Lorne Rifles and in them he has attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He retired in November 1876 and is in possession of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces decoration.

Baillie John Kemp, late 93rd Highlanders.

The following is a photograph of this old member of the battalion, and as an account of his services appeared in our October issue, we need only repeat that having left the Ninety Third as Colour-Sergeant and afterwards becoming Garrison Sergeant-Major at Lichfield, he has, since leaving the service, attained high social position in civilian circles.

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Home and Depot Notes.

Lieutenant-General Leach, V.C., C.V.O., C.B., Commander of the Scottish District, paid his first official visit of inspection to Stirling recently He was accompanied by Colonel Burn Murdoch, Major C. H. de Rougemont, D.A.A.G., and Lord Graham, A.D.C. At Stirling Castle the General was received by Colonel Hunt, who, along with Captain Moulton-Barrett, Captain Darroch, Captain Beattie, and Lieutenant Sceales, officers of the garrison, accompanied the party on their round of inspection. The troops were drawn up in marching order on the esplanade, and were passed under review, the General thereafter entering the Castle and making a round of the barrack rooms, regimental institutes, etc. Subsequently he visited the Military Prison, of which Captain Darroch is in command, and also the Military Hospital and Soldiers' Home. At two o'clock the party lunched in the Castle, and later in the afternoon the General and his staff visited the Ordnance Stores at Forthside, where they were shown round by Captain Stewart, Chief Ordnance officer.

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We understand that His Majesty the King is expected to be present at the inaugural ceremony in September in connection with the school which is being erected near Dunblane for the education of sons of deceased soldiers on similar lines to the English and Irish institutions.

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A correspondent at Aldershot gives an account of a fly by one of the man-raising kites, under the superintendence of Mr. Cody, the owner of the patents. The British army authorities have recently expressed satisfaction with the kites, which have been subjected to very severe tests in all kinds of weather. These kites are now part of the experimental equipment of the balloon section of the Royal Engineers at Aldershot. The immense usefulness of the kites in war time in the way of reconnoitring, &c., is obvious. To raise the man-bearing kite large ordinary kites are employed. They are sent up on a thin wire, and checked at certain intervals until a sufficient number to raise the man-bearer are up. From the latter stretches along the ground a length of piano wire attached to a reel. As the air begins to carry the weight the line becames taut and gradually more and more wire is paid out until the desired height is attained. In one case this amounted to 2,600ft., a record in ascents. The position of the operator in the air is sloping, like a man lying at full length on an ordinary roof. The more wind, of course, the easier is the manipulation of the apparatus, but very little wind will suffice. The man aloft is far beyond reach of the enemy's most formidable guns or rifles, and from his eyrie he can see over an enormous tract of country.

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In the window of a Chatham photographer's establishment is exhibited a capital portrait of the warrant officers, staff-sergeants, and sergeants of the 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. It is intended as a present, and the purport may be gathered from the inscription, borne on a plate attached to the oak frame, thus :—"Presented to the Sergeants' Mess of the 2nd Bedfordshire Regiment by the members, Sergeants' Mess, of the 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, as a token of friendship. January, 1906."

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The following is the programme of reliefs of Scottish Regiments during the ensuing trooping season 1906-07.

1st Bn. K. O. S. B.	...From	Colchester to Egypt
2nd Bn. do.	... ,,	Aden to Glasgow
2nd Bn. Scottish Rifles	... ,,	Glasgow to Aldershot
2nd Bn. Seaforth Highrs...	,,	Aldershot to Edinburgh
2nd Bn. H. L. I.	... ,,	Edinburgh to Fort George
1st Bn. Royal Highrs,	... ,,	Fort George to Curragh
2nd Bn. A. & S. Highrs	... ,,	India to South Africa
1st Bn. Gordon Highrs	... ,,	Cork to Mullingar

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At the general meeting of the National Rifle Association held in London last month, it was decided that at the next Bisley meeting the third class targets in use at the 200 yards range would be altered by the introduction of a 5 inch invisible centre, which would count as a bullseye; the 12 inch bullseye would count as an inner, the magpie would be of 24 inch diameter and the rest of the target would count as an outer. In team competitions, with the exception of those open to Cadet Corps, no sighting shots would be allowed.

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In the results of the Musketry of Scottish Volunteers for 1905, we find that of the battalions who fired the 1901 course, our 1st Volunteer Battalion (Greenock) takes first place with a figure of merit of 68, the 3rd and 4th Volunteer Battalions following close with 64. Of the battalions who fired the 1903 course, the 5th (Argyllshire) are the best of the A. & S. H. Brigade with a figure of merit of 108, but to the 1st Dumbartons belongs the credit of exercising the most men, the grand total of 1200 having completed, while their figure of merit is 107.

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We hear on good authority that it is proposed to furnish a detachment of N.-C.-O's and men from the 3rd Battalion (Highland Borderers Militia) to be present at the marriage of the Marquis of Graham, son of His Grace the Duke of Montrose, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, and Lady Mary Douglas Hamilton, daughter of the late Duke of Hamilton.

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Round the Bungalows.

Notwithstanding the presence of a "draft" in barracks, the weather is apparently getting warmer. Khaki as a dress is cool enough for most of us, but the other day a certain orderly when warning his men for an afternoon "fatigue" was asked what dress they would turn out in. "Oh!" he replied "the same as usual,—nothing." Quite possibly he meant that any dress would do, but what could he have said had his words been strictly interpreted?

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The usual method of dubbing a draft is based on some particular event which takes place about the time of joining the regiment. In view of the recent conduct of some of the "breeze," would it be out of place to name them the "tig-tag" draft?

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Some few weeks ago several members of the battalion were observed on the Wanowrie Golf course, and from the amount of turf flying about it seemed that they could still be pretty safely classed as novices.

Since then I have read in some home weeklies that the scientists are not at all satisfied with the estimated weight of the earth as they believe a change has lately taken place. Can you doubt for a moment whether these two events have any connection!

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Speaking the other day of the different types of "objectionables" one can find in a day's work in the army, the discussion veered round on the man who cannot keep his mouth shut on or off parade. This character on parade for instance, has a habit of repeating every word of command given. When the order is "form fours," "slope arms," or "by the right," or any of the hundred and one little orders given on a parade, he—possibly assuming in his own mind that everyone else is deaf,—finds it incumbent on himself to "murmur" the orders over again, to the evident annoyance of everyone within earshot. Sometimes however, he overreaches himself, and the wigging he receives from his superior has the effect of stopping his jaw until—the next time.

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That the band are a most intelligent class of men no one can gainsay, but to their intelligence may now be added a love of the artistic—judging by the exterior colouring of their bungalow which has just undergone renovation. A roof of red tiles, walls "whitewashed" light yellow, in some places light blue, and doors of a verdant hue, their domicile has more the appearance of a Swiss Chalet than of a commonplace barrack room.

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When the average man becomes time-expired and he hears that a bounty is being offered to soldiers extending their service, he generally weighs in his mind the advantages of the army against those of civilian life before deciding to remain in the service. But like everything else there are exceptions to this, and I heard quite recently of a member of this battalion who "took the bounty" in order to get off one day's duty. On this particular morning he awakened at reveille and found that he "had a sair heid." To go on parade he could not make up his mind, so suddenly remembering his eligibility for the bounty he lost no time in letting the authorities know of his desire to extend. Thus he got out of that day's work at the expense of remaining in the army for another five years.

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At the moment of writing several members of the regiment are at the Mounted Infantry School undergoing a "refreshing" course, and from one of them emanates the following yarn which though an old one may be fresh to most of us.

It was during a "course" and the steed allotted to Private Jones, though not a beautiful animal, possessed the wisdom of a serpent, for during a long and varied life it had learned that by keeping its mouth shut it got off fairly easy on most occasions. And as its mouth usually closed as tight as a five barred gate with a double padlock, it was difficult, nay impossible, to get the bit therein.

On the first morning parade the officer rode down the lines of his company.

"All the men turned out?" he queried.

"Yessir," was the reply, "all except Private Jones. He's waitin' for his horse to yawn, so's he can slip the bit in, an' the worst of it is, sir, the brute ain't a bit tired."

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A correspondent informs me that a good motto to commence the month of April with will be found in Matt. xxviii 22. On looking up the verse in question I entirely agree with him, so look up your Bibles.

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The Canadian Militia.

91st CANADIAN HIGHLANDERS.

Since this fine battalion was allied to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders we have been in communication with its Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Logie, and he has been good enough to furnish us with particulars not only of his own regiment, but also of the Canadian Militia in general, and as all matters Canadian are generally of interest to Scotsmen, the following may be of interest to our readers.

The 91st Regiment Canadian Highlanders, though a comparatively young battalion—having been organised on 15th September 1903—is already recognised as one of the best of Canadian city regiments. Its headquarters are at Hamilton, Ontario, and it has for its Honorary Colonel that dashing officer, Major-General the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Dundonald, C.V.O., C.B. The peace establishment is 391 Officers, N.C.O's and men, with the addition of a bearer section, but, as is the case with most city regiments, it is considerably over strength.

At present this over strength amounts to about 125, and this number have been clothed and fitted at the expense of the regiment.

The class of recruits in all city regiments is usually a very intelligent one and about one-third or one half of the 91st are men owning their own houses. The others are a younger class of clerks, mechanics, carpenters, etc.

The dress of the regiment is a fac-simile of that worn by us except as to badges. Their badge consists of a leopard's head full faced, within a wreath of thistles, surmounted by a Tudor crown with the motto "*Albainn gu Brath.*"

As an additional dress there is an outfit of khaki with putties, and in drill order a Kilmarmock bonnet with a single eagle's quill at the side is worn. In winter the officers wear astrakhan caps and gauntlets, and the men bearskin caps and mits.

The usual period of drill is from April till November, and in winter classes of instruction are held.

Their rifle is the ·303 Lee-Enfield, but there is some talk of a change being made.

Lieutenant-Colonel Logie has taken the trouble to secure some photos of the different ranks of his regiment, and which we hope to reproduce in an early issue.

With regard to the general conditions of the Canadian Militia the following is a summary of the information received.

The defence of Canada is in the hands of the Minister of Militia and Defence whose title appropriately enough is not Minister of War but Minister of Defence. Prior to the Confederation of the Provinces of Canada the defence of this country was entirely in the hands of the Imperial Government who, for that purpose, maintained troops in each Province supported by various local volunteer Militia Corps. After Confederation the the Imperial Troops were gradually withdrawn until only a Naval establishment at Halifax and at Esquimalt on the Pacific Coast were left. These Naval establishments have now been taken over by the Dominion.

By the British North America Act the command of all Naval and Military Forces of and in Canada was vested in the Queen (King) and the control in the hands of the Dominion Parliament. A Department of Militia and Defence was at the same time established, the first Minister being Sir George E. Cartier; the present one being Sir Frederick W. Borden.

The first Militia Act was passed in 1868 and was subsequently amended, until in 1904 a new Militia Act was passed (4 Edward 7th, Chapter 23). By it the Militia of Canada is declared to consist of all the male inhabitants in Canada of the age of eighteen years or upwards and under sixty not exempt or disqualified by law. This population was divided into four classes:

(1) Those aged eighteen or upwards and under thirty being unmarried or widowers without children.

(2) Those between the ages of thirty-five and and forty unmarried or widowers without children.

(3) Those between eighteen and forty-five being married or widowers with children.

(4) Those between forty-five and sixty.

Certain persons are exempt from enrolment in active service such as members of the King's Privy Council for Canada, Judges, M.Ps., etc., and last but not least the only son of a widow and her only support.

The active Militia or any portion thereof is trained for a period of not more than thirty days in each year, more often less than thirty days' drill. Most regiments, however, (particularly the City regiments) drill for a period of six months.

The Militia is the only force which the Dominion maintains and is divided into active and reserve forces.

The active force is composed of men raised either by voluntary enlistment or by ballot and the reserve force consists of the whole of the efficient men of the country not serving in the active Militia for the time being. The period of service for the active Militia is three years; for the reserve Militia such as is prescribed. There is also a Naval Militia which has been provided for but never actually enrolled. Active steps are however, now being taken for the nucleus of a Canadian Navy.

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The active Militia is again subdivided into a permanent force and ordinary Militia.

The Permanent Force consists of a unit of each branch of the service who act as the Instructors and Schoolmasters of the Militia generally but whose Officers have no seniority other than in accordance with the Militia List except when engaged in instructing.

The Ordinary Militia is the backbone of the system and in a great many regiments (as is the case in the 91st) so great is the *esprit de corps* and military spirit that the pay is refunded, i.e., the the Officers, N.C.O. and men do not draw personally any pay; the pay going for extra clothing and necessararies which the Government does not supply.

You will thus see that the Canadian Militia is largely a force of volunteers differing in this to some extent from the Militia at home.

The Peace Training and War Establishments are roughly as follows:

Cavalry	... 5000	8000
Field Artillery ...	... 2000	3500
Garrison Artillery	... 2500	4000
Engineers ...	... 800	900
Infantry ...	35,000	100,000

The above figures are very rough and vary from time to time.

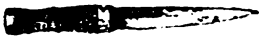
In closing it may be proper to say that the aim of the Canadian Militia is to provide Peace Training and War Establishments for all units. The Peace Establishment, in case of trouble, can be readily expanded to War strength and would constitute the first line of the Defence thus allowing time for the mobilization of the whole population as contemplated by the Militia Act.

Hyderabad.

These eighty thousand square miles of territory, with their population of ten millions, are as an Island of Old India in the ocean of British India. This island is divided from its neighbours by its own customs line, and it has its own coinage, army and administration. Within the frontier, if we except the little islands of British jurisdiction at the Residency, Secunderabad, Bolarum and Aurungabad, the will of the Nizam is supreme. His writ runs unchecked nearly five hundred miles north and south and east and west. The exterior relations of Hyderabad are defined by treaties and its military strength is fixed, and these limits are so well understood by the Government and their ally that they do not come under discussion. But within these boundaries the order of the Nizam, short of a course of policy that would lead to civil war, is for all practical purposes the law of the State. So decisively is it exercised that there is no more than a savour of oriental hyperbole in the saying current:—"Not a leaf falls in Hyderabad unless his Highness wills."

Madras is commonly called The City of Distances, but it is cramped in comparison with Hyderabad. From the Faluknama Palace, where their Royal Highnesses were staying, to the Residency is nearly six miles. From the Residency to Secunderabad is another four, and from Secunderabad the road stretches away to Bolarum, a further five miles distant. So each one of their engagements carried the Prince and Princess through many miles of characteristic Hyderabad scenery. But no scene—not even the pulsating bazaars, teeming with all the races of India, where every petty transaction has to be worked out in Halli Sicca and "John Company" rupees; where kohl-eyed zenana women peeped through yellow and red and blue shutters on the Shahzada and his Consort; where African Horse, Rohilla Foot and Pathan Riflemen stood to arms whilst the dashing Bodyguard and smart Imperial Service Lancers swept by—vied in beauty with that they saw from the terrace of their stately abode.

There the city, with its half million of people, lay stretched at their feet. A city lying in a shallow basin, lined with arborescence, wherein the glistening white houses were so hidden that they might have been scattered broadcast by some titanic sower. In the heart of the town, where the four main roads meet, rose the four graceful minarets of the Char Minar; not a chimney, not a wreath of smoke, not a tower or a dome further broke the graceful beauty of the scene. Then in the distance the snowy roofs and bleached roads of Secunderabad. To the left the bold citadel-crowned rock of Golkonda marked the capital of the old Qutb dynasty and the scene of the stubborn defence that held the power of the Moghul Empire at bay for eight months. Golkonda is set down in a valley of stones so gaunt and fantastic that Nature must have created it in a frolic. It is as if the gods had played bowls with boulders and then left in a huff. Tradition accounts for the tangle by the simple explanation that God having finished the world threw the rubbish in this corner. But even this desolation is made beautiful by the Mir Alum and Hussain Saugor lakes, gigantic sapphires in the wilderness, each perfect and pure. —*The Times of India.*



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How the Nailer's Ghost was Laid.

In April 1865 the Depots of the 72nd and 93rd Highlanders were moved from Aberdeen to Stirling Castle. On our arrival at Stirling one of the first things we heard was that there was a ghost on No. 3, or the magazine post. The magazine was—and probably still is—situated outside the North Main-Wall of the Castle, and was surrounded by a lower wall which enclosed the rock lying to the North of the Main-wall. The sentry box stood against the garrison cells, and a few paces outside the main-wall gate.

A short-time after our arrival in Stirling, I was one of two Lance-Corporals on guard (the hospital being outside the Castle-walls in the town, two Lance-Corporals were required for posting sentries). During this particular evening the conversation in the guard-room was chiefly about ghosts, and in particular about the "Nailer" as the magazine ghost was called. At midnight I posted a young fellow of the 72nd on No. 3 post. He seemed anything but happy, and expressed his regret that there was no prisoner occupying the cells that night. Scarcely half-an-hour had elapsed when we were startled by the magazine sentry rushing into the Guard-Room, minus his rifle, and evidently in mortal terror. On being asked what had happened he assured us that he had seen the Nailer, and that nothing in the world would induce him to remain on his post. His belts were stripped and I posted another man in his place. It was then (about 12-35 a.m.) a beautiful, calm morning, and after posting the sentry I told him to go round his beat on the wall, and that I would await his return. I stood beside the sentry-box, and presently heard a curious sound proceeding from the main wall, and about 15 feet to the west of the gate. What I heard was, as if some one was hammering tacks into soft wood. The knocking was regular for seven or eight taps and then became irregular; this continued for about two minutes and then ceased. On being assured that the sentry then on the post was not likely to bolt. I returned to the guard-room and reported what I had heard to the Sergeant of the Guard, who pooh-poohed the whole affair.

When the prisoner (the sentry) was brought before the Commanding Officer (Major McBean, V.C., 93rd) he, for a time, maintained that he *saw* something, but could not describe what he saw. After a severe examination be admitted that he *saw* nothing but had *heard* the "Nailer." I had already reported to the Commanding Officer what I had heard. Major McBean ordered me to accompany him at midnight to No. 3 post—but we heard nothing the first night; on the second night, however, it being very calm, we were rewarded by hearing his Nailership at work. Major McBean made a careful examination of the place from whence the noise proceeded, and marked the spot on the wall with the point of his sword, and on the forenoon of the same day had a portion of the wall removed by workmen under his own supervision, when the "ghost" was caught. On the workmen removing about 18 inches of the top course of the wall an ancient channel about 4 inches in diameter was discovered, and at this particular spot the wall had, at some previous time been repaired, and the workmen had left a small piece of sheet iron in the masonry about a foot below the channel, and as the rubble had worn away, a gap was made between the bottom of the channel and the sheet-iron, consequently when water collected above and overflowed it fell on the sheet-iron with a hammering sound—hence the Nailer.

W. McK.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT he didna' see ony tigers when he wis in the train.
That it wis an "International" carriage he wis in,
That whit he really meant was an "Intermediate" yin.
That fur himsel' he traivelled as a pilgrim.
That the char at Wadi wis guid.
That it wis as broad as it wis wide.
That he wis twa stane aff eleven pun' afore he listed.
That he wis gettin' composition insteed o' an issue.
That the Secunderabad trip wis no bad onywey.
That it saw a wheen o' big folk.
That they seemed tae be pleased tae see him.
That it saw it's auld General.
That the plaids got an airin' for the first time.
That an' ither draft hae turned up.
That they're nickers on "tig."
That Sooth Africa will be a change onywey.
That a wheen o' us hae been there afore.
That they're a' gled tae get back.
That some folk think the watter 'll no agree wi' them.
That maybe they're quite richt.
That there's yae man in "H" Company wi' guid een.
That he saw the bullet hit a target six hunner' yairds awa'.
That his company hid the company shot o' the band.
That it hears they're startin' the fitba' league sin.
That it raither fancies————(no tips allowed.—Ed.)
That it's gettin' raither warm.
That he's gaun tae be a guid chairacter when they dae awa' wi' his defaulter sheets.
That there are ow're mony "youthfu' indiscretions" on them.
That "she—admi" is the "bat" for a woman.
That it's nae winder we hivna' mony gaffs.
That some folk hivna muckle sense.

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Temperance Topics.

The R.A.T.A. Concert.

Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., whose interest in matters temperance is well known, occupied the chair at the concert organised by the Committee and which took place last month.

The concert was held on the occasion of the Secretary of the Association, the Rev. Mr. Bateson, visiting the battalion. The Regimental Theatre was packed and a programme of which the following is a copy was entered upon. In the interval Mr. Bateson addressed the meeting in his usual homely manner, his remarks being much appreciated by the audience. On resuming, the programme had to be curtailed, partly owing to our visitor having to catch the mail, and partly to the conduct of a section of the audience who evidently forgot that although the artistes were not new to them, there were many others who had not listened to them before.

To the different members of the battalion who gave their services the thanks of all are due, and to the committee we are indebted for giving us a good night's enjoyment.

PROGRAMME.

Chairman's Remarks.

Song	"In Ohio"	Bandsman Walsh.
Encore	"Sing me to sleep"	
Song	"She is ma' daisy"	Drummer Stewart
Encore	"An' a' couldna"	
Mandoline selections		Pte. Finlay and others
Song	Comic	Sgt. Markey
Song	"When other lips"	Pte. Wright
Encore	"Egypt"	
Reading	"The Last Shot"	Pte. Galloway
Club Swinging		Pte. Fleming
Song	"Scotland Yet"	Pte Adams

Remarks by Mr. Bateson.

Gymnastic display		L/Cpl. Montgomery and team
Song	"Lachie McGraw"	Dr. Stewart
Encore	"Hi' Donal'"	
Song	"Ora pro nobis"	Bds. Walsh

Pianist—Lce.-Cpl. White.

God Save the King.

Notes.

The members of the Connaught Institute Dance Club held a very successful Cinderella dance in the Connaught Institute on Wednesday 28th Feb.

Dancing commenced at 9-30 p.m. and a good number of ladies from the Ninety Third and others being present an enjoyable night all too quickly passed. The Secretary, Private Cutler, is to be congratulated on his successful organisation.

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On the invitation of the Secretary of the East Lancashire Regiment A.T.A. quite a number of our folks journeyed to Ghorpuri to take part in the dance held on 31st January. The Committee were very hospitable and all agreed that we had a jolly good night.

The Reminiscences of Veterans.

(Continued.)

During the siege of Sebastopol, says Colour-Sergeant Hutton, part of the regiment was one night engaged in repelling a sortie by the Russians who had driven out and occupied for a few moments an advanced parallel held by the Guards. The Guards had been taken by surprise and were driven back by the Russians upon the 2nd parallel, occupied by the 93rd. The 93rd were ordered to recapture the position lost which was done with slight loss. In the trench was found a barrel of rum which had been intended for consumption by the Guards and was indeed in process of distribution amongst them when the Russians interrupted. Acting on the old maxim that "the spoils of war go to the victors" the thirsty Highlanders soon made short work of the barrel and by the time the Guards again relieved them there was nothing left of it but the wood. The Guards never forgave the 93rd for a long time afterwards for the misappropriation of their barrel of rum.

A certain "horrible example," says an old veteran, was one day brought before the Commanding officer of the — th Regiment which was remarkable for the scarcity of battle honours entitled to be displayed on its colours. After hearing the case the Colonel glanced over a pile of documents handed to him by the man's company officer, and then addressed the prisoner. "Private Jones," he said, in tones more of sorrow than of anger, "you have already filled twelve defaulter sheets and there is no room for any more offences. What am I to do?" "Stick them on the colours," said the hopeless scamp, "there is plenty of room for them there."

Discoursing of his soldiering days with the Ninety-third in the old Gallowgate Barracks in Glasgow, Colour-Sergeant Hutton told me rather a good story of an old Highland dame who tramped all the way from Ballater on the Dee side, to Glasgow, to see her son Donald who had enlisted into the Sutherland Highlanders. Donald who had been a "herd laddie" prior to enlistment was of a devil-may-care sort of character and was not long in the regiment before his conduct merited the severe censure of the Commanding Officer. When his mother arrived at the barrack-gate Donald was perambulating the barrack-yard doing what is known to all soldiers as "pack" drill. Donald's mother was shown up to the barrack-room in which her son resided by the picquet sentry on gate duty. The occupants of the room, among whom was Hutton, grasped the situation at once and hastily explained that Donald, who was a fine strapping fellow, had

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been specially selected by the Commanding Officer to show the young recruits "how to carry the knapsack." For proof they led the old lady to the window and pointed out Donald, who being the tallest man was leading the squad in single file. Donald's mother was intensely delighted at the great honour that had befallen her son and when Donald himself put in an appearance shortly afterwards he was greeted by the fond and admiring embraces of his proud mother. Donald having got the cue from a comrade soon enlarged to his mother on the vast responsibility of his present employment. The old lady was much impressed by the honour attained by her son, so much so, in fact that he had considerable trouble to prevent her seeking the Commanding Officer to thank him in person for his favour to her son. Dinner was brought up shortly after Donald appeared and a goodly portion of the choicest bits were served up to the old dame. She was much impressed by the size of the rooms and above all by the large number of knives and forks in possession of the men belonging to the room. Lodgings were secured for the old lady in a house opposite the barracks and she stayed there for a couple of days before returning to her far off home at Ballater. A subscription of a good few shillings was got up in the company for the good old woman, but she would only accept a few shillings of it and preferred to tramp back the whole way rather than take the coach for part of the journey. The whole story became regimental property a few weeks later when a letter arrived from the parish minister of Ballater thanking the Commanding Officer "for his interest in pushing the fortunes of Donald, the son of one of his old parishoners, and stating that he was glad to hear that Donald was considered such a 'strong young man.'"

Mosquitoes, as many of the readers of the T R.L. know, are a great pest in various parts of India and new comers to the country as a rule suffer most from the pests. Asked by a young officer who had just arrived in the country (Sialkote, 1864) how he managed to suffer so little from mosquitoes one of my veteran friends, then a Colour-Sergeant, replied that he bathed himself in a bottle of rum every night before going to bed. The young officer took the Colour-Sergeant's cure literally and experimented with somewhat disastrous consequences. Burning with more than deep indignation he reported the matter to the Adjutant, the late Captain Fitzroy Macpherson, who in turn reported the matter to the Colonel (the late Major-General Burroughs). The Colour-Sergeant was at once summoned to "parade his heels" before the Colonel and was asked if he ever followed his own advice. "Certainly, Sir," said the waggish "flag," "only I use the rum internally."

The same colour-sergeant was out shooting one day with one or two comrades, when they met a young lady, the daughter of the Officer Commanding the Station, who seeing they were *shikaris* asked them several questions regarding the amount of sport to be had in the district. While they were talking a flock of fat tailed sheep happened to pass by and the young lady casually remarked that she wondered why the sheep's tails grew like that, "Oh!" said the ready witted colour-sergeant, "that is easily accounted for, miss. The sheep have so much hill climbing to do that all the fat runs out of their body into their tails." The young lady appeared to accept the solution as a likely one but she must have told her father for the joke was station property a few days afterwards. The young lady never afterwards passed her waggish informant without a broad grin on her face.

(*To be continued.*)

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Ninety-Third Calendar for April 1906.

1	S.	On War Establishment: Russian War Scare, 1878.
2	M.	
3	Tu.	Emb. W. Indies on board "*Orestes*" and "*Marquis of Huntly*" for England, 1834.
4	W.	Arrived Portsmouth from Gibraltar on board "*Egypt*," 1881; to Aldershot. Head Quarters left Bareilly for Chaubattia, 1898.
5	Th.	Stirling to Edinburgh, 1850. Depot of 56th Brigade (92nd and 93rd) formed at Aberdeen.
6	F.	Left Malta for Galipoli, 1854. Left Galipoli for Crimea, Troopship "*Kangaroo*" 1854. Joined General Walpole's Force for campaign in Rohilkhund, 1858.
7	S.	Furlough draft arrived, Nowshera, 1896.
8	S.	
9	M.	Head-Quarters arrived at Chaubattia, 1898. Lieut.-General Sir F. W. Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., d. 1905.
10	Tu.	2nd Battalion arrived at Gravesend, 1841. Annual Highland games, Nowshera, 1896, Physical Drill Shield won by "H" Company.
11	W.	Arrvd. Galipoli from Malta, 1854.
12	Th.	Tug-of-War Shield won by "D" Company, Nowshera, 1896.
13	F.	Short Lee-Enfield Rifle issued, 1905.
14	S.	
15	S.	Edinburgh to Glasgow, 1851.
16	M.	Bri.-Genl. Adrian Hope *k.* Royah, 1858.
17	Tu.	
18	W.	"E" Company, winners of Football League, Nowshera, 1896. Inspection by Bri.-Genl. St. John Michell Fancourt, Ranikhet, 1900.
19	Th.	"E" Coy., win shooting Shield, Poona, 1905.
20	F.	
21	S.	"F" Coy., win Football League, Poona, 1905.
22	S.	
23	M.	2nd Battalion under Maj. William Wemyss emb. Gosport, Troopships "*William Heathcote*" and "*Mariner*" for Newfoundland, 1814.
24	Tu.	

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25 W. Cape of Good Hope for England, Troopships "*Baring*," "*Preston*" and "*Norfolk*," 1814, 453 1st class A.R., joined (200 transferred to 91st) Russian War Scare, 1879.
26 Th.
27 F. Lootwallah Scare, Nowshera, 1897.
28 S.
29 S.
30 M. Arrived Shahjahanpur with Rohilkund Force, 1858.

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant.

No. 6199 Lce.-Sergeant J. Markey, "F" Coy. dated 10th February 1906.

To be Corporals.

No. 5694 Lce.-Cpl. J. Blake, "D" Coy. dated 5-2-06.

No. 6533 Lce.-Cpl. A. Mathieson, "C" Coy. dated 10-2-06.

No. 7543 Lce.-Cpl. N. Halliday, "B" Coy. dated 14-2-06.

PAY OF RANK.

To be Paid Lance-Sergeants.

No. 6032 Corporal J. Youngson, "H" Coy. dated 5-2-06.
,, 2543 ,, D. Chisholm, "D" Coy. ,, 10-2-06.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 4531 Lce.-Cpl. C. Armour, "A" ,, ,, 5-2-06.
,, 7761 ,, E. Johnston, "D" ,, ,, 8-2-06.
,, 8381 ,, J. Ferguson, "E" ,, ,, 10-2-06.
,, 7940 ,, T. Knox, "E" ,, ,, 14-2-06.
,, 9771 ,, G. Berry, "B" ,, ,, 26-2-06.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of "E" Company.
No. 3306 Cr.-Sgt. A. Lockie.

To be Regimental Instructor in Gymnastics.
No. 6295 Lance-Sergeant W. Alder, "B" Coy.

To be Assistant Instructor Army School of Cookery with local rank of Sergeant while Employed.
No. 9711 Lance-Corporal T. Forrest, "A" Coy.

To be Regimental Provost Corporal.
No. 7414 Lance-Corporal A. McLaren, "D" Coy.

To be Provisional Lance-Corporal.
No. 5551 Pte. W. Montgomery, "E" Coy.
,, 6014 ,, A. Baxter, "F" Coy., *While employed as Telegraphist.*

SERVICE PAY.

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"A" Company.

No. 7929 Pte. G. Paterson | No. 7685 Pte. W. McPhee

"B" Company.

No. 7939 Pte. R. Miller | No. 7897 Pte. F. Fletcher
,, 7960 ,, V. Mackenzie | ,, 7995 ,, J. McMahon

"C" Company.

No. 7175 Pte. R. Gillies | No. 7155 Pte. D. Curran

"D" Company.

No. 7950 L/C. H. Hutchinson | No. 7888 Pte. W. Hilton
,, 7959 Pte. J. Livingston | ,, 7863 ,, H. Bremner
,, 7823 ,, J. Craig | ,, 7926 ,, A. Potts
No. 7867 Private G. Maxwell.

"E" Company.

No. 7931 Pte. A. Medley | No. 4826 Pte. W. Richardson
No. 5712 Private W. Murnin

"H" Company.

No. 8001 Private J. Morrison

Granted Class I at Sixpence.

"A" Company.

No. 6530 Pte. Kilrain | No. 8319 Pte. J. Bell

"B" Company.

No. 8116 Private J. Leinster.

"D" Company.

No. 7684 Private H. Lynch

"E" Company.

No. 9587 Private W. Maxwell

"G" Company.

No. 9541 Private J. Simpson

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted Three G. C. Badges.

No. 9771 Lance-Corporal G. Berry, "B" Coy.
,, 4984 Private J. Douglas, "E" Coy.

Granted Two G. C. Badges.

"A" Company.

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No. 4609 Private A. E. Smith

"H" Company.

No. 6387 Pte. H. Reeves | No. 6821 Pte. R. Palmer

Granted one G. C. Badge.

No. 9429 Private A. Dicker, "A" Company.
,, 7754 ,, A. McLeish, "A" ,,
,, 7791 ,, W. Aitken, "B" ,,
,, 7155 ,, D. Curran, "C" ,,
,, 9354 Boy E. McLellan, "C" ,,
,, 9349 Pte. F. McDermaid "E" ,,
,, 8656 ,, R. Bell, "E" ,,
,, 9386 Piper G. Davie, "F" ,,
,, 6391 Private W. Melville, "H" ,,

CERTIFICATES.

Granted a certificate qualifying him for Regimental Transport Officer.

2nd Lieut. Lord G. H. L. Dundas.

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Passed a course of Cold-Shoeing.
No. 8185 Private W. Gerry, "G" Company.
Passed a class of instruction Telephone Exchange Operation.
No, 9384 Private L. McArthur, "D" Company.
,, 9532 ,, J. Macrae, "F" Company.
Granted Military Telegraphy Certificate.
No, 9393 Private W. Hill, "E" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE
Re-engaged to complete 21 years service.
No. 5031 Lce.-Cpl. R. Mackay, "A" Company
,, 5211 Private D. Quinn, "A" Company
Extended to complete 9 years service.
No. 8319 Private J. Bell, "A" Company
,, 9344 ,, A. Hicks, "E" Company
,, 9427 ,, R. Adam, "G" Company
,, 7749 ,, G. Callander, "H" Company

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Transferred from Cameron Highlanders dated 22nd January 1906 and posted to "A" Company.
Private A. Maclennan.

DRAFT.

The undermentioned—a Draft from the 1st Battalion—are taken on the strength and posted to Companies as under :—

"A" Company.

No. 6578 Pte. M. McKellar	No. 9051 Pte. A. Wilkinson
,, 9337 ,, J. Stewart	,, 9403 ,, D. McFarlane
,, 9453 ,, J. Clarke	,, 9930 Boy H. Blake.

"B" Company.

No. 9097 Pte. M. Fleming	No. 9378 Pte. J. Kennedy
,, 9410 ,, D. Hathrick	,, 9460 ,, D. Stirratt
No. 9946 Boy J. Hastie.	

"C" Company.

No. 9243 Pte. J. Foster	No. 9383 Pte. C. Dunn
,, 9428 ,, C. Stirling	,, 9461 ,, D. Campbell
,, 9498 ,, A. Smith	,, 9526 ,, T. Hughes
No. 9835 Boy J. Hetherington	

"D" Company.

No. 9834 Pte. L. McArthur	No. 9431 Pte. W. Russell
,, 9462 ,, P. Menzies	,, 9499 ,, J. Agnew
,, 9526 ,, J. Petrie	,, 9624 ,, J. Connelly
,, 9725 ,, J. Logan	,, 9494 ,, P. Dewar
,, 9621 ,, W. Green	,, 9577 ,, D. Cameron
,, 9507 ,, M. Perry	,, 9836 Boy J. Turnbull

"E" Company.

No. 9272 Pte. C. McMaster	No. 9901 Boy. A. Miller

"F" Company.

No. 6198 Corpl. T. Clayton	No. 9387 Pte. W. Lusk
,, 9435 Pte. J. Lees	,, 9474 ,, F. Harkins
,, 9502 ,, J. McLaren	,, 9532 ,, J. McRae
,, 9718 ,, R. Dunn	,, 9730 ,, G. Dick
,, 9487 ,, T. McDonald	,, 9909 Boy P. Prentice
No. 9945 Boy J. Bews.	

"G" Company.

No. 9394 Pte. J. Queen	No. 9444 Pte. J. Campbell
,, 9477 ,, A. Flowers	,, 9506 ,, R. Bell
,, 9536 ,, R. McCready	,, 9721 ,, S. Thomson
,, 9778 ,, W. McDonald	,, 9518 ,, T. Campbell
,, 9755 ,, R. McVicar	,, 6528 ,, P. Hernan
,, 9927 Boy H. Smith	,, 9964 Boy T. Taylor

"H" Company.

No. 9306 Pte. A. Miller	No. 9402 Pte. J. Scullion
,, 9450 ,, J. Hall	,, 9485 ,, J. Divine
,, 9510 ,, R. Simpson	,, 9580 ,, T. McIntosh
,, 9724 ,, J. Billingsby	,, 9744 ,, J. Thomson
,, 8974 Boy J. Will	,, 9510 Boy W. Hay.

Taken on strength of Married establishment.
"Susan Robertson Wilson" wife of No. 6088 Sergeant R. Milne "G" Company
"Agnes Nicholson" wife of No. 5945 Sergeant A. McRae, "E" Company
Annie Thom wife of No. 6538 Sergeant T. Memmott "D" Company

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Transferred to the Army Reserve with permission to reside in India
No. 6392 Pte. G. Rarity, "H" Coy. dated 1-2-06.

GRANTED MESSING ALLOWANCE.

No. 9051 Private A. Wilkinson, "A" Company
,, 5553 ,, A. Edwards, "F" Company
,, 9387 ,, W. Lusk, "F" Company

COMPANY TRANSFERS.

No. 6199 Sergeant J. Markey, "F" to "C" Company.
,, 5276 Corporal J. Reid, "C" to "B" ,,
,, 5694 ,, J. Blake, "D" to "H" ,,
,, 6533 ,, A. Mathieson, "C" to "F" Coy.
,, 7543 ,, N. Halliday, "B" to "F" ,,

NUMBER ALLOTTED.

No. 10018 To Pioneer Sergeant W. Bell, "G" Comy.

ATTAINED THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS,

No. 8818 Bandsman G. Grant "F" Company
,, 9908 Boy W. Faulds "G" Company

FURLOUGH.

No. 5229 Pte. W. Saunders "C" Company 1-3-06 to 30-4-06.

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Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

BRASH.—At Poona on the 10th February 1906, to the wife of Colour Sergeant J. Brash, "G" Company, a daughter, *Alexandrina Margaret.*

MACDONALD.—At Poona on the 17th February 1906, to the wife of Sergeant A. S. Macdonald, "E" Company, a son, *Kenneth Robert.*

ALDER.—At Poona on the 20th February 1906, to the wife of Lance Sergeant W. Alder, "B" Company, a son, *William Sutherland.*

WYLIE.—At Jubbulpore on the 22nd February 1906, to the wife of Staff Sergeant T. Wylie, Unattached List, (late 93rd Highlanders) a son, *Thomas William.*

MARRIAGE.

MEMMOTT THOM.—At St. Andrews' Bombay, on the 19th February 1906, the Rev. J. Cameron, officiating, Sergeant Thomas Memmott, 93rd Highlanders, to Annie, only daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Arbuthnott Thom, Kenmay, Aberdeenshire.

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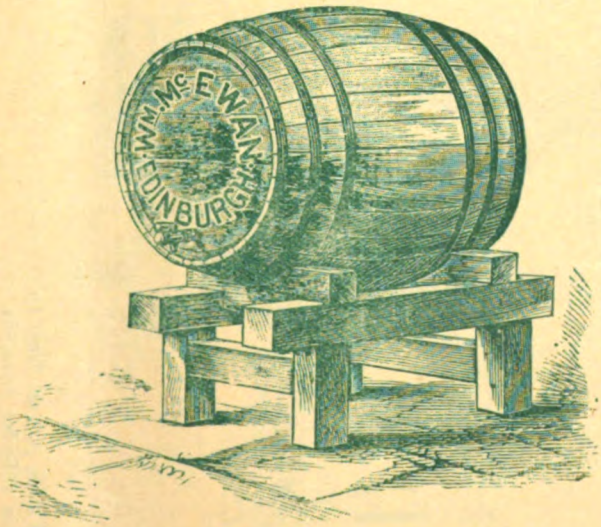

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SKIRLS

The month of March and consequent termination of the official drill season may be characterised as one partly of work and pleasure, a week's hard field-days on the one hand and the Regimental Games on the other. The heat appears to be increasing daily, the abnormal temperature of 103° in the shade having been recorded, but the excessive drop of the thermometer (sometimes as much as 35°) in the early mornings makes Poona fairly dangerous in the way of catching minor ailments.

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Owing to an outbreak of cholera in the Cantonments the City and Bazaar are out of bounds for us—for the first time since 1904. Happily the dread disease seems to be decreasing, so that with care, a disagreeable summer may be averted. Meantime the restrictions on the bounds still afford us sufficient room for exercise, the time taken by the battalion to route-march round them being nearly two hours.

As we are under orders for South Africa it is interesting to learn that the extra ration allowance granted to the troops in South Africa has been further sanctioned for the financial year, 1906-7, also the Colonial allowance for the wives and children who are on the married establishment of the regiments and batteries in South Africa. This extension has been granted in order to meet the high cost of living which still continues in that country.

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The largest contingent of home-going details that has left the Battalion for some considerable period, embarked in the H.T. "Plassy" on the 16th. Of twelve years men there were 5, eight years men 24, three years men 27, invalids 15, and others 7. Among the number were several well known and respected members of the battalion, and although the three years men are only a numerical loss to us among the others there were many good soldiers whose departure will be regretted.

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Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred Gaselee, commanding Bengal, will, it is understood, be granted an extension of the tenure of his office until the 30th June 1908, to complete five years in the appointment.

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In the list of soldiers' balances unclaimed for, 1904-05, published in the Monthly Army List, there appears the name of Lance Corporal J. White, 2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, with £50, 14s. 10d. to his credit.

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Before the close of the Musketry year a party of Casuals were exercised under Capt. H. C. Macdonald, and this completing the annual course, an attempt has been made to renovate the butts, which were indeed the worse of wear.

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The usual March "tactical fitness to command" examination came off during the month, and although we did not have the discomfort of going into bivouac, the early hours of parade made up for it. The first morning found us parading at 4 A.M. and a rapid march to the Alandi Road preceded breakfast. A forced march back *via* the cavalry ford, after the usual *jaldi* lot had cleared the way, completed the day's work, the whole distance covered being close on 20 miles.

On Tuesday the rendezvous was Sasvad railway station where breakfast was partaken of. An advance was then made *via* Gibbet Hill to barracks, the enemy seldom troubling us.

Wednesday, after breakfast in barracks, Katraj was the place of meet, and in lines of companies the hilly country between the tank and Gibbet Hill was traversed. The cease-fire was sounded about 9 A.M.

Thursday was the stiffest day of all, the place of assembly being near Parbatti Temple, and as the fight raged across the country to the Ganeshkind plain it was late in the day before the cease-fire sounded and barracks reached. One of the candidates who commanded in our force was Major H. d'E. Vallancy, D.S.O., and we have little doubt but that his pass was a very creditable one.

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Lieutenant A. B. Harley, The Bufls (attached), has passed the Lower Standard Urdu.

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To encourage men of good character in the battalion to better fit themselves for employment, classes have commenced in the different regimental workshops.

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The usual quota of rumours regarding our destination in South Africa have been flying around since the relief was published, and Pretoria seems to be the popular station. We learn that our Sirur opposition, the Connaught Rangers, are to relieve us in Poona, while the East Lancashire Regiment are to remain here for yet another season.

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Considerable interest was excited when announcement was recently made that all men not in possession of at least a third class certificate of education should be relegated to Class II Service Pay. Since then the attendance at school has increased considerably, and as the conditions of the lowest certificate are remarkably easy we hope that few, if any, will undergo reduction.

Last month the number of officers with the battalion was almost up to establishment, all the senior ranks being present. As this is rather an unusual occurrence an interesting photograph was accordingly made, and as no photo of the officers has of late been published we hope to remedy this in an early number.

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From the President of the Corporals' Room, we have received an excellent photo of its members, and one which we will find space for shortly.

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The extension of Lieutenant Kennedy's appointment as Adjutant of the battalion has given satisfaction to all ranks.

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Major A. E. J. Cavandish, C.M.G., has returned from leave and we are pleased to learn that he has benefited from his holiday. Quite a number of changes in company commands are to be recorded. Captain Marshall on proceeding to take up a temporary appointment on the Indian Volunteers has handed "D" Company over to Lieutenant H. M. Thomson, while Captain Glasfurd, on proceeding home on leave, leaves "E" Company to Lieutenant Fenzi. Captain Tweedie is to be congratulated on his appointment to the Adjutancy of the Royal Renfrewshire Militia, Captain Richardson, D.S.O., having completed his tenure. Captain H. C. Macdonald on arriving back in the Ninety Third has taken over command of "H" Company, Lieutenant Sandeman proceeding on leave. The following other officers have gone on leave :—Lieutenants James and Cunninghame, and 2nd Lieutenant Lord G. Dundas.

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The preliminary announcement of the Divisional Boxing Tournament has been published, and as the men of the Ninety Third have, of late, devoted a good deal of attention to this corinthian pastime, we have little doubt but that they will acquit themselves with credit. The Regimental Tournament billed for the first week of April, although on a smaller scale than the Poona meeting, promises to be equally popular, and the excellent arrangements presently being carried out prove that the Committee have nothing to learn in the way of running a popular meeting.

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A correspondent, in sending us the under-printed cutting from the "Pioneer," writes as follows :—

"I feel sure that it will be of interest to readers of the *Thin Red Line* when it is explained that Mr. Barge began his military career in our 3rd Battalion, with which he served in South Africa and until September 1903 when he was appointed to the Scottish Rifles. He was always of an athletic temperament, powerfully built, of

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medium height, and had he been successful in his endeavours to get into the line battalion of his militia regiment he would have been an acquisition both from a sporting and professional point of view.

"I recollect the late Colonel Doyne of the 4th Dragoon Guards which were in the Curragh in 1889 accomplishing the feat of running, riding and walking a mile in twenty minutes; if I remember right he had twenty seconds to spare. But Mr. Barge throws in a bicycle as well though it must be remembered that in the case of Colonel Doyne he was well over 40 years of age at the time of his feat."

It is many years ago since Mr. Bulpett, the famous old-Rugbeian athlete, made a match to walk a mile, and ride a mile, all in fifteen minutes. He won with some seconds in hand, and the feat was rightly considered a notable one, as Mr. Bulpett at the time was no longer a boy but a professional man who had been some years in business. It is interesting to see that an even more exacting all-round test has just been accomplished by a young Indian officer, Mr. K. Barge of the 17th Cavalry. The scene of this exploit was a level mile on the road between Bannu and Dehra Ismail Khan, and this mile Mr. Barge had to cover four times—at a run, at a walk, on a horse and on a bicycle, in twenty minutes. He walked the first mile in seven minutes, fifty-two and three-fifth seconds, ran the second in five minutes twelve seconds, galloped the third in two minutes four seconds, and bicycled the fourth in two minutes fifty-nine and two-fifth seconds, thus achieving his task in nineteen minutes eight seconds, inclusive of the time taken in changing mounts, and winning with fifty-two seconds to spare. All who know anything of athletics will appreciate the merits of this very remarkable performance. Perhaps such a record, combined with the account that we publish elsewhere of record meeting for the Kadir Cup, may even suggest a doubt as to whether the British officer is really degenerating.

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Captain Malcolm McNeill, D.S.O., whose retirement from the service we regret to read in a recent "Gazette," spent the most of his service in the Ninety-third. He served in the Waziristan and Tochi Campaigns, receiving the medal and clasp for both, and his exploits in Somaliland, both in the field and in the pursuit of big game are well known to the public. For his services in pursuit of the "Mad Mullah" he received the D.S.O., and his volume describing the operations is one of the most interesting works on that little known region.

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With a view to reducing the expenses of the regimental officer, the Secretary of State for India has sanctioned an increase of the band allowances for British cavalry and infantry units on the Indian establishment, which will in future be Rs. 2,400 instead of Rs. 1,200 a year. This arrangement will take effect from 1st April next.

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Our photo-supplement this month is that of "E" Company, the winners of the Regimental shooting shield for the 1904-05 Musketry course. The photo is by Mr. P. Metzker, Poona.

In the regimental games of the Connaught Rangers held at Ahmednagar, Piper Kean and Lance Corporal Wright of the Ninety-third secured first and third places in the half-mile open race.

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In a recent issue it was stated in our columns that a Wappenschaw under the Regimental Shooting Club would shortly be held. We understand that our announcement was premature as although the proposal was mooted nothing definite was fixed. At the moment of writing however, we are glad to hear that arrangements are being made to hold the meeting about the middle of April and that one or two new and interesting competitions are intended.

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The Secretary of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Association in Glasgow has written to the Commanding Officer calling attention to the purposes for which the Association exists, viz.: The furtherance of esprit-de-corps; assisting members who are in straitened circumstances and obtaining employment for them when possible.

As however the present membership strength is not sufficient to carry on the work in the manner desired, the Secretary of the Association appeals to serving members of the regiment to assist in helping the aims of the Association. A subscription of one shilling (twelve annas) per annum will entitle the subscriber to Honorary membership.

The scheme has the approval of the Commanding Officer. As there are branches in both Glasgow and Edinburgh intending subscribers should earmark their subscriptions for whichever branch they desire to join.

Name of intending subscribers will be taken by 'Thin Red Line' Company Agents and the amount of the subscription can be recovered through pay accounts.

One of my friends the other day accused me of telling a chestnut in this column, which accusation was probably quite true, for there must be a terrible lot of them floating around in a world which is daily growing more wicked. At the same time he told me a story, which he declared to be absolutely true, and one which had never been published elsewhere. I therefore give it cheerfully, in the hope that it will prove to be absolutely unique in these two respects. It was of a respected gamekeeper down at Ardkinglas. He was piloting three Englishmen over that wild peninsula for the shooting, and the Sassenachs were greatly inclined to take a quiet loan of the Highlandman. "Do you have no rabbits hereabouts?" said one of the party. "Och, aye, there's plenty of rabbits—thousands o' rabbits," said the gamekeeper, as he stalked stolidly on towards higher ground, where he hoped the strangers would get a shot or two at grouse. "And I suppose, too, you have hares?" said another of the panting climbers. "Och, aye, there's hares—thousands an' thousands o' hares," answered the gamekeeper, still working his followers hard in the matter of trudging onwards. As they reached a point where a halt was called to allow the breathlesss strangers to recuperate the third panted out, "And I suppose you have plenty of baboons here, too?" "Weel, no," said the gamekeeper cannily; "they're no' in croods; but ye sometimes see two or three thegither, juist like yersel's." Then the strangers took an interest in the landscape.

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The Annual Regimental Games.

The annual games took place, for the third year in succession, on the maidan on Tuesday and Wednesday 27th and 28th March 1906.

The Committee consisted of Major A. E. J. Cavendish, C. M. G., President, and Captain McCandlish, Lieutenant and Adjutant J. Kennedy, Lieutenants R. R. Forbes and A. E. Kennedy, while the Sub-Committee, under Sergeant-Major Ditcham, were Colour-Sergeant Clarke, Sergeants McRae, Markey and Alder, Corporals Gilmour, McMaster and Halliday, and Lance-Corporal Palmer, and with them may be mentioned Private Benson, "G" Company.

For several days prior to the meeting the Committee and Sub-Committee were hard at work planning and laying out the ground, the attractive manner in which the work was carried through being specially commented upon, and the entries this year being more numerous than formerly show that their labours were thoroughly appreciated.

The principal addition to the programme this year was the team obstacle race for prizes of Rs. 64 and Rs. 40, the race to be decided on the new course recently erected on the open ground between the barracks and the Cantonment bazaar. The following companies entered teams, "A" "B" "E" "F" (2), "G" and "H," and on the morning of the first day the event was run off. At each obstacle an officer was placed to award the points, while at the finishing point, Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson and Major Cavendish acted as judges. The Committee had the assistance of Captain Umfreville and Quartermaster-Sergeant Chinnery of the Central Gymnasium. The course was well run by all the competitors, but the climbing of the poles rather floored several. On the conclusion it was found that the various points given placed "G" Company first with 191 points, "B" Company being second with 184. The other teams scored as follows, "E" 183, "H" 178, "A" 177, "F" (2) 175, "F" (1) 167.

The first round of the tug-of-war was drawn as follows:

"B" *v.* "D," "C" *v.* "G," "F" *v.* "H," and "A" *v.* "E." The pulls took place on the Thursday evening and resulted thus:

"B" beat	"D"	Time	5	min. 25	sec.
"G" ,,	"C"		1	,, 15	,,
"F" ,,	"H"		3	,, 55	,,
"A" ,,	"E"		4	,, 40	,,

The above figures speak for themselves, and it was generally recognised that the Shield Holders having repeated their last year's performance with the finalists, they would again retain the premier prize. The semi-final draw came out "B" *v.* "G" and "F" *v.* "A" and was carried through on the Saturday evening. The pulls were of short duration, "B" disposing of their opponents in 1 min. 57 secs. and "A" Company winning their place in the final in 2 min. 37 secs. The final struggle was held over till the second day of the games and proved the concluding event. "A" made a fair attempt to hold the winners but over all "B" proved they were the best-trained team, their time being 4 min. 10 secs. They have therefore the pleasure of holding the shield for another year.

The games proper opened on Tuesday evening, and an excellent attendance witnessed some very exciting contests. The 100 yards novices had to be run off in three heats while the half mile produced a large entrant. The old soldiers race caused considerable interest and amusement, and the degree of "F. O. S." (Fastest old soldier) may now be conferred on Colour-Sergeant Wallace, his victory being the third in succession.

The second and last day contained the open events, and from the results it will be seen that the outsiders secured first places in the sprints.

In the Highland events some very pretty dancing was seen both in the novices and the open classes, "F" Company, the winners of the company reel sets being fully value for their place.

The Band handicap with instruments was a laughable affair and anyone able to guess the tune played would indeed be a musical sharp.

The obstacle race again proved a good draw, the fire engine work being thoroughly enjoyed by all—except perhaps the competitors.

Lance-Sergeant Alder put the present special class of Gymnastic recruits through their facings for the benefit of the spectators.

The final of the tug-of-war having been successfully disposed of, the distribution of prizes was kindly undertaken by Mrs. Richardson, wife of our respected General Officer Commanding, and on the conclusion cheers were cordially given for General and Mrs. Richardson, who are now well known as regular patronisers of all our gatherings.

Both Officers and Sergeants were "At Home" and their respective marquees were well filled, while the ever popular A. T. A. catered for the rank and file.

Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson and Major Cavendish judged admirably, and to Captain McCandlish and his committee, aided by the excellent superintendence of our Sergeant-Major, the thanks of all are due for the most successful sports held for some years. On the evening of the second day the Band, under Bandmaster Walsh, rendered the following pleasing programme:

March.....Coronation Bells.....Partridge
Selection.....The Rose of Persia.....Sullivan.
Allegro .....Tantum Ergo .....Rossini.
Valse .....Service D' ete. .....Waldteufel.

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Selection.....The White Chrysanthemum...Talbot.
Descriptive...The British Patrol .....Ash.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The following are the results of the different items:

Bugling Competition.
1, Drummer Shirley, "A" Company.
2, „ Riddoch, "E" „
3, „ Lees, "H" „

Place Kick.
1, Private Allan, "A" Company.
2, „ Cassidy, "F" „
3, „ McKay, "G" „

Throwing Cricket Ball.
1, Pte. Hempseed, "F" Coy., 272 feet 7 inches.
2, „ McInnes, "C" „ 255 „ 4½ „
3, „ Clanahan, "A" „ 251 „ 8½ „

Hop, Step and Jump.
1, Lce-Cpl. Mulholland, "G" Company.
2, Private Robertson, "E" „
3, „ Hempseed, "F" „

High Jump.
1, Sergt. Markey, "C" Company, 5 feet 1 inch.
2, Lce-Cpl. Cridland, "F" „ } equal
3, „ Mulholland, "G" „ }

100 yards Race—Novices.
1, Lce-Cpl. Mulholland, "G" Company.
2, „ Swan, "B" „
3, Pte. Thomson, "A" „

Throwing 16 lb. Hammer.
1, Pte. Allan, "A" Company, 98 feet 11 inches.
2, Sergt. McInnes, "D" Coy, 97 „ 10 „

Half-mile Race—Novices.
1, Drummer Aitcheson, "B" Company.
2, Lce-Cpl. Yeo, "C" Company (Band).
3, Private Wright, "F" Company

Pipe Playing (Novices) March, Strathspey and Reel.
1 Piper Bain, "D" Company.
2, „ Stewart, "C" „
3, „ McCuaig, "F" „

Long Jump.
1, Sergeant Markey, "C" Coy. 17 feet 10 inches.
2, Lce-Cpl. Mulholland, "G" Coy. 17 feet 8½ in.
3, Pte. Robertson, "E" Coy. 16 feet 10 inches.

Half-mile Race.
1, Piper R. Kean, "A" Company.
2, „ A. Kean, "F" „
3, Lce-Cpl. Wright, "E" „

Three-mile Bicyle Handicap.
1, Lce-Cpl Wright, "E" Company (scratch).
2, „ Carlyle, "C" „ (40 yards).
3, Pte. Bell, "C" Company (200 yards)

Old Soldiers Race.
1, Color-Sergeant A. A. Wallace.
2, Sergeant E. Mahoney.
3, „ D. McInnes.

Boys' Race.
1, Drummer Lees, "H" Company.
2, Bandsman Blythe, "E" „
3, Boy Prentice, "F" „

Company Sets—Reel Dancing.
1, "F" Coy, Lce-Cpls. Cridland, Tunstall; Ptes. Hoey, Planner.
2, "A" Company.

Non-commissioned Officer's Race.
1, Lance-Corporal Eite, "G" Company.
2, Corporal Campbell, "E" „
3, Lance-Corporal Swan, "B" „

Highland Fling—Novices.
1, Boy Millar, "E" Company.
2, Private Hoey, "F" Company.

Putting the Shot.
1, Bandsman Darwood, 32 feet 9½ inches.
2, Sergeant McInnes, 32 feet 2½ inches.
3, Private Caskie, 32 feet 0½ inch.

Pipe lPaying—March, Strathspey and Reel—open.
1, Pipe-Major Duff, Royal Scots.
2, Piper Paterson, 93rd.
3, Lance-Corporal Gunn, 93rd.

Quarter-mile Race.
1, Piper R. Kean, "A" Company.
2, „ A. Kean, "F" „
3, Private Cameron, "E" Company.

Tossing the Caber.
1, Lance Corporal McLaren, "D" Company.
2, Private Caskie, "H" Company.

220 yards Race—Open to India.
1, Lance-Corporal Moyes, East Lancashire.
2, Piper R. Kean, 93rd.
3, Private Kendrick, Leicesters.

Pipe Playing Piobaireachd—Open to India.
1, Pipe-Major Lynch, 93rd.
2, „ Duff, Royal Scots.

100 yards Race—Open to Poona and Kirkee.
1, Lance Corporal Moyes, East Lancashire.
2, Piper Kean, "A" Company, 93rd.
3, Lance-Corporal Eite, "G" Company, 93rd.

Sword Dance—Open to India.
1, Pipe-Major Duff, Royal Scots.
2, „ Lynch, 93rd.
3, Lance-Corporal T. Cridland, 93rd.

One-mile Race—Open to India.
1, Private Sullivan, Connaught Rangers.
2, „ Pole, Leicesters.
3, „ Stillwell, Leicesters.

Highland Fling—Open to India.
1, Pipe-Major Duff, Royal Scots.
2, „ Lynch, 93rd.
3, Lance-Corporal T. Cridland, 93rd.

Band Race—Handicap—with instruments.
1, Bandsman Darwood.
2, Lance-Corporal Quinn.
3, „ Yeo.

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Obstacle Race.

1, Private Wright, "F" Company.
2, ,, Gerry, "G" Company.
3, ,, Knox, "E" Company.

Obstacle Race for Company Teams of 8 Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.

1. "G" Company. Team—Corporal Brownlie, Lance-Corporal Mulholland. Privates Alexander, Adams, Foster, McFadden, Fleming, and McMath.
2, "B" Company.

Tug-of-War—Final.

1. "B" Company Team—Lance-Sergeant Alder. Lance-Corporal Swan, Drummer Aitchison, Privates Fletcher, Roy, Leinster, Stewart, Watt, Aitken and Reid. Coach—Private Struthers.
2, "A" Company.

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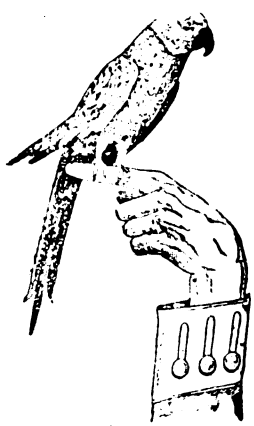
What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT it has bin' wearin' a big sweater lately.
That it's gaun tae be a boxin' man hersel'.
That it wis rale scienteefic—maybe!
That some folk couldna' keep quiet.
That the "Bicycles" of his arms were very sore.
That he bocht an annas worth o' catsmeat fur his dug.
That it wis "greybacks"—no' "shirts" for parade.
That "early tae rise" wis a feature o' some parades lately.
That sometimes he wis before them and ither times in front o' them.
That we' re gaun tae an awfu' lot o' places at yince.
That it'll be settled when we get there.
That he wis jist gaun tae hae' a read o' "Casuals Magazine."
That it winders if this is an auld magazine under a new name.
That ye hae tae tak the bolts oot o' yer bayonets.
That she wis twelve stane if she was an' inch.
That he could sweem richt enough, bit he couldna mudge oot o' the yae place.
That it hears "pilah" is the best shootin' company again.

General Grant records a good story, that used to amuse him greatly, of a certain rough carpenter who accompanied "Stonewall" Jackson in many of his marches. Once, when the General was making a rapid movement, he came to a deep stream. The bridge had been burned, and it was necessary it should be restored as soon as possible. Jackson sent for his engineers and the carpenter, telling them what was required, and the engineers retired to their tents to prepare their plans. Two hours later the carpenter reported, "Gineral, that bridge is finished, but them picters ain't come yet."

Not for Sale.

They have slipped a halter on him,
Is the bridle not to go?
What makes them look so glum to-day
And talk in whispers low?
Perhaps the morning's frosty,
'Tis long since he was out;
He tries to think what all the fuss
Can really be about.

He hears his master coming,
He can recognise his tread,
But wonders at the silence in the yard;
Does he know his hours are numbered?
That a bullet in the head,
Is the poor old weary Hunter's best reward.

On a score or so of seasons,
He looks back with honest pride;
He has never lamed his master,
Nor has ever turned aside.
What comrade in the stable,
That could "last" so long as he?—
In a forty minutes gallop,
They would very quickly see
How he jumped the little places
Over which they tried him first;
How easily he cleared them all,
How puny seemed the worst;
He's thinking now of Kerry,
Where the black and sluggish Maine
Flows past the little hostelry,
He n'er can see again.

So they slowly lead him forward,
And his master strokes his neck,
The same as when together they
Alone had cleared the beck,
What need to hide the weapon,
He can read his master's eye,
And gratefully he looks him back,
And answering: Goodbye!

He sees his master coming,
But he proudly lifts his head,
Nor troubles at the silence in the yard;
For when hunting days are over.
It is better to be dead:
He is thankful for the Hunter's best reward.

"THE ADMIRAL."

(Dedicated to the winner 1st Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Hunt Point to Point Race.)

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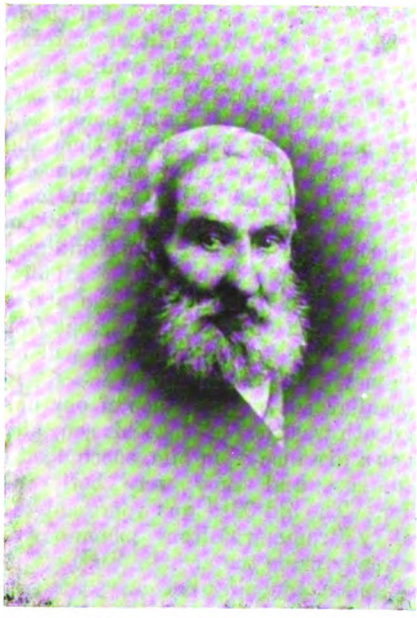
Veterans of the Ninety Third.

No. 1400 Colour-Sergeant David Morton.

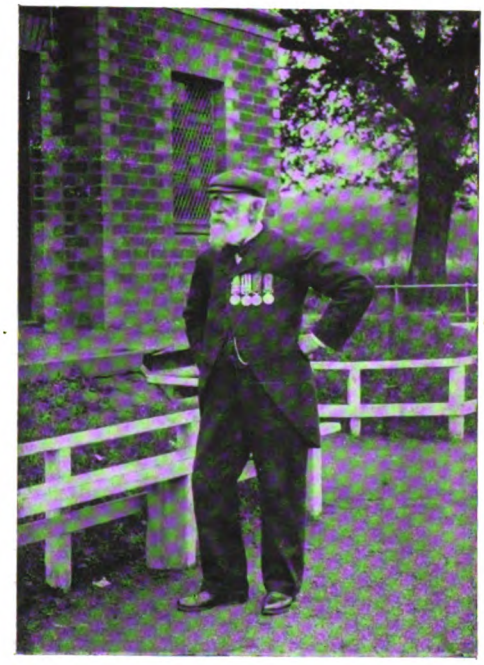
Enlisted at Perth, 16th April 1840, for the 93rd Highlanders and served with the regiment until discharged on the 21st July 1861 on completion of twenty-one years' service. The veteran colour-sergeant was not in the Crimean campaign with the regiment, having been left behind to recruit and drill the drafts required by the regiment. He was however in the Indian Mutiny campaign in which he distinguished himself, gaining the medal with clasps for the "Relief" and "Capture" of Lucknow. He was appointed Lance-Corporal on 24th March 1841, and Corporal 1st December 1844, and remained a non-commissioned officer until May 1847 when he reverted back to private.



Took the Lance stripe again on 17th March 1849, and was promoted corporal 23rd March 1851, Sergeant in 1854 and colour-sergeant 23rd March 1857, was senior colour-sergeant of the Regiment after the Mutiny, holding the appointment known in those days as Rear-rank Sergeant-Major, *i.e.*, drill instructor. The veteran is a native of Killinary, Fife, where he was born in 1819, being thus in his 87th year. He is now almost a complete invalid, I am sorry to say, but the hardy spirit of his younger days still animates the veteran and he is up and walking about as often as his failing strength will permit. All ranks of his old Regiment will wish the gallant old colour-sergeant a return of some of his old health and strength.

No. 1569, Private John Ellis.

Enlisted at Dunfermline on the 2nd February, 1842, for the 93rd Highlanders, and served with the Regiment for twenty-one years, being discharged at Aberdeen in 1863. Took part with the Regiment in the Crimean war, and was present at the battles of Alma and Balaklava, Siege and Capture of Sebastopol and the capture of Kertch and Yenikale. He also took part with the Regiment in the Indian Mutiny campaign and was at the Relief of Lucknow, battle of Cawnpore, Siege and Capture of Lucknow, battle of Bareilly and the various other actions in which the regiment was engaged. He was slightly wounded at the capture of the Begum's Palace, Lucknow, and has the following medals and clasps:—Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol; Turkish medal; Indian Mutiny medal with clasps



for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow; the Long Service and good conduct medal. Belonged to No. 6 company and was an officer's servant for many years in the Battalion. Mr. Ellis is now 81 years of age and resides at Dunfermline, of which place he is a native. He is a weaver by trade but has been unable to work now for some years past. This aged and gallant old veteran, though not in the very best of health for the last few months, is still alert and hearty, and will, we hope, see the homecoming of his dear old Regiment to Scotland again.

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Sergeant Robert Douglas.

Enlisted 1843 and served for twenty-one years in the Regiment, during which time he took part in the Crimean Mutiny and Umbeyla campaigns. He is in possession of the medal for Crimea, with clasp for Sebastopol ; the Turkish medal ; Indian Mutiny medal, with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow ; and the Indian Frontier medal with clasp for Umbeyla. Belonged to the light company of the Ninety-third and came home from Sialkote for discharge in 1864. Since then he has been employed as a Volunteer Instructor,

serving at Lennoxtown (Stirlingshire Volunteers), for fifteen years ; and afterwards became lodge-keeper to the Duke of Atholl at Dunkeld, where he has remained for the past twenty-two years. About a year ago the gallant old Highlander, who is now 78 years of age, contracted a very severe illness, which has left him in indifferent health, but he is still a fine looking man. He is always dressed in the kilt as becomes a clansman of Atholl. We trust our veteran comrade and his spouse may long be spared to each other.

Obituary.

No. 9546, Private Alex. Conkey, "C" Coy.

It is with regret we record the death from enteric fever of Private Alexander Conkey, at the Station Hospital, on the 3rd March. The deceased, who was a native of Greenock, enlisted in November 1904 and at the time of his passing away had just reached his majority. Every sympathy is due to his relatives in their bereavement.

Sergeant J. McCulloch, late Ninety-third Highlanders.

By the recent mail we learn of the death on 24th February of this fine old survivor of the Indian Mutiny Campaign. Deceased, who was resident in Clydebank, was one of the best known men there notwithstanding his retiring disposition and advanced age. Up to the last he never forgot his early military training, and it was a treat to see him walk the streets straight as an ash, alive as an eel, and sprightly in all his movements. Shortly before the New Year he married for the second time and, like the eagle, seemed to renew his youth, but a week or two ago he fell a victim to demon disease. Sergeant McCulloch when a boy was apprenticed to a plumber ; but finding trade monotonous he joined the army. His first experience was in the Crimea ; but he arrived too late to see much of the fighting, but from the record of service which follows it will be seen that he made up for it in India.

A peculiar sad circumstance of our old comrade's death was the fact that his son, although living at a distance from him, succumbed to the same disease, and they were both interred together. The old 93rd was represented at the funeral by Drummer Fulton—whom our readers have already made the acquaintance of in these pages—and a touching account of the public funeral comes from the pen of the latter.

Our representative recently interviewed the deceased and the following is a record of the veteran's service :—

Enlisted at Glasgow, 22nd January 1856, and served for over 10 years with the Regiment. He accompanied the regiment to India and proceeded up country with it. In consequence of a slight illness he was left behind for a few days and did not participate in any of the actions leading up to the Relief of the Residency at Lucknow. He rejoined for duty at Lucknow during the evacuation and was present at the burial of Sir Henry Havelock at the Alumbagh, but did not get the clasp for the Relief of Lucknow. He took part in the battle of Cawnpore, the Siege and Capture of Lucknow and various other actions in which the regiment was engaged. Was dangerously wounded at the attack on the Martiniere College during the Siege of Lucknow, receiving a bullet wound which entered his brain. He

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also took part in the Eusofzai Campaign of 1863-64 and was at the Umbeyla Pass. Has the Indian Mutiny Medal with clasp for the Capture of Lucknow, also the Indian Frontier Medal with clasp for Umbeyla. He left the regiment at Sialkote and proceeded home for discharge in 1866. He served for about twenty-one years on the reserve. Was appointed Lance-Corporal, 12th May, 1858; Corporal 1st November 1859; and Sergeant 23rd September, 1863. Belonged to No. 9 Company as a Private and Corporal, and to No. 4 as a Sergeant.

Home and Depot Notes.

ARMY CUP.—Third Round.—D. & D.B.R E. *v.* Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.—Drawn together in the third round of the Army Cup competition, these teams met on the ground of the New Brompton Football Club on Wednesday afternoon, 31-1 06. There was scarcely any wind, and as the ground was in first-class condition the players had everything in their favour. There were nearly two thousand spectators, mostly redcoats, the supporters of the Sappers predominating.

Result.—D. and D B., 2; Highlanders, 0.

This game proved one of the cleanest, best, and most pleasant games the team has ever played. Both teams were entertained to tea after the match by the Rev. J. T. Hales, C.F. S.M. Hutton accompanied the Argyll team, and after tea made a very appropriate speech. S.M. Reid accompanied the R.E. team, and also spoke in high terms of the game and of both teams.

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It is quite an easy thing to take a kick at a railway company, but seldom does it become a profitable game. Railway directors, like Ailsa Craig, are not easily moved. Here is a real grievance. The Army Council have given sergeants in the army permission to keep plain clothes in barracks, and the proviso that plain clothes must not be worn by a soldier either on quitting or returning to his station is to be omitted from the King's Regulations, which are now being revised But what, after all, is the good of our authorities making concessions of the kind, so long as our railway companies make the wearing of uniform a condition upon which cheap tickets are issued to soldiers proceeding on pass or furlough? The point becomes all the more keen, and the attitude of our railway companies all the more sad, when it is remembered that they refuse to give to our comrades of the Line a privilege that is enjoyed by the Volunteers. Surely a soldier's furlough paper, signed by his O C., should enable him to travel in plain clothes.—*Evening News.*

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"G" Clydebank Company of the 1st Dumbartonshire Rifle Volunteers, held their 27th annual ball in the Drill Hall recently. The function was fully up to the standard of former years. The large hall was tastefully decorated with flags, military pictures, and innumerable hangings of scarlet and blue cloth, while the lesser hall was curtained off and set apart as a refreshment buffet, the purveyor giving entire satisfaction. The music was of the latest and most up-to-date selections. The Grand March, led off by Captain Stewart and Mrs. Bush, was the feature of the evening, the dresses of the ladies and the bright uniforms of the military presenting a striking scene. Drummers Smith and Fergus acted as M.C.s and performed their duties with much credit. Dancing was kept up with spirit till an early hour, and the company dispersed voting the ball a great success.

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Major and Brevet-Lieutenant Colonel J. Wolrige-Gordon, Second-in-command of the Ninety-first, has, we are pleased to learn, been promoted Brevet Colonel.

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Wednesday the 28th February witnessed the seventh competition for the Golf Challenge Quaich between the two depôts at Perth and Stirling. Although instituted in 1899, to be played for twice a year, winter and summer, the South African War interfered, and of the six matches played hitherto the cup had been won four times by Stirling and twice by Perth. This year the Black Watch depot added another victory to their score, so the result now stands at 4—3 in favour of the 91st Regimental District.

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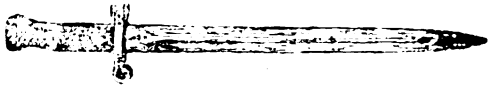
Carnoustie Links, well known to frequenters of Barry, was selected as the battlefield, it being neutral, and a sea-links. A strong wind interfered much with the play. Major Aytoun topped the roll with a score of 85, beating 2nd Lieutenant Strachan by 5 holes. This score has probably seldom been beaten under like circumstances. Captain Moulton Barrett was the next to finish but was 5 holes down to Captain Sutherland. Captain Darroch tied with Captain Hamilton, and Lieutenant Sceales with Lieutenant Bulloch, while Lieutenant A. J. H. Maclean finished two holes down to Major Rose. Result of the 5 matches, 42nd won by two holes. It was a close enough match to require every exertion, and we hope that the summer fixture will see a reversal of the order. If this does not happen it will not be from lack of endeavour by the challengers.



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Round the Bungalows.

While the honesty of the British soldier towards his comrades can scarcely ever be questioned, it is still a well known fact that to leave your private papers littered about your bed while you are at the Gardens listening to the band is to court the inquisitive spirit which hovers over us all. Consequently the following lines, found in one of the bungalows, are thus brought to light through the carelessness of the "author," who will no doubt feel pleased that his effusion has found its way into print.

Far, far, away, my thoughts nightly flow,
To the land I long to go;
Where my sweetheart I must own,
Shall walk with me alone.

Oh! I sit at night to think,
When she my arm will link,
And give those kisses sweet
Which now come once a week.

Good times are coming soon,
When she can quit her loom;
And by her side I'll sit,
Sweetly yarning while she knits.

Here the inspiration must have stopped, or "orderly sergeants" sounded, as the next verse is too indistinct to be made out.

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A correspondent, whose sense of humour is evidently in the right vein, sends me the following notices which he has collected in his travels:—

"Tea and Coffee inside, Mrs. Brown."
"Our pies cannot be approached."
"All kinds of ladys' stays here."
"Wanted a groundsman who can bowl from May for 12 weeks.
"Wanted a room by two gentlemen about 20 feet long and 10 feet broad."
"Paraffin oil, candles, lemonade and ginger beer can all be drunk at the counter."
"Sixpence extra for admission to see the lions eating John Russell, Proprietor."

The following incident occurred at a recent local gathering:—

A large fatigue party were working at pitching tents and squaring up a temporary camp, when the officer in charge of the arrangements calling to a N.-C.O. of the party, told him to go round and collect all the "Kanats" he could find and have them all taken to one place. The N.-C. O., whose knowledge of the "bat" was very limited, went around the camp, and on his return went to the officer and reported that "he could find no Connaughts, that there were nothing but 93rd men present." It may be explained for the benefit of the unlearned that "kanats" is the local name for the walls of an E.P. Tent.

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The following skit is taken from "The Queen's Edinburgh"—

The new issue of *Refined Training* gives a list of distinctive badges, etc., to be used at manœuvres. The Commissioners are to have white badges embroidered with gold, Umpires a 6-inch white band on the right arm, Compensation Officers a red and white band on the left arm, neutrals and newspaper correspondents a red band on the left arm, except the correspondents of ladies' papers, who are to be allowed to wear a colour suited to their complexion. Orderlies are to carry Union Jacks and various coloured flags, and dogs admitted to the ground are to wear a green ribbon 3 inches from the tip of the tail. A field day in future will bear a close resemblance to an open-air circus, yet we are told in another paragraph that the conditions of real warfare are to be followed as closely as possible!

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I hear the Army Council has designed a special flag, which will fly at any military station where the Council as a body are visiting. The flag is to be a Union Jack bearing a shield with three cannon and a cannon ball. This idea is worth copying, and each of our committees might have a special flag to fly when such committee is sitting. Here

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are a few ideas, the groundwork of each to be the regimental design, in the centre of which the special device is to appear :—

Finance.—Three gilt balls surmounted by a bag inscribed "£ s. d."

Ranges and Shooting.—Two crossed rifles and a bull's-eye.

Clothing.—Slouch hat surmounted by a pair of —never mind.

Band.—Two crossed trombones and a big drum.

Quartermaster's.—Design of five loaves surmounted by two fishes.

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The box for contributions placed in the Grocery Bar sometimes proves a mine for copy, but more than often it is like the great empty box trick "nothing in it." However, this month I have two correspondents writing for information on different subjects, and as they did not apply for answers "by post" I have asked the Editor to find room for them.

"Airie"—writes asking the best method of raising a luxuriant moustache. Well, "Airie," I have heard that paraffin is considered a fairly decent hair restorer, but before using it, you should experiment with some on the wooden head of an ordinary barrack room hair broom. Should it prove successful there I have no doubt that your head would derive considerable benefit from it.

"Guss-y."—As you say, the number of years she has been in India may account for her complexion being on a par with the dhobies', but if she still addresses you as "sahib," I think you should not insist on her using Pears soap. Tell her to try blanco.

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Our Contemporaries.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following periodicals up to date, 31st March 1906: —

The Diehard's Doings
,, Queens' Own Gazette
,, Dragon
,, Sapper
,, Hampshire Regimental Journal
,, China Dragon
,, Men of Harlech
,, Suffolks' Gazette
,, Green Howard's Gazette
,, Tiger and the Rose
,, St. Georges' Gazette
,, 79th News
,, Globe and Laurel

The Military Mail	Weekly.
,, Aldershot News	,,
,, Oban Times	,,
,, Stirling Sentinel	,,
,, Rothesay Express...	,,
,, Volunteer Record and Military News...	Fortnightly.

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Musketry.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1904-05.

The annual report, embodied in a memorandum issued by the Adjutant General in India, containing the Commander-in-Chief's remarks on the musketry course of 1904-05, is as may be expected full of interest. From it we learn that of British Infantry in India there are of—

Marksmen	...	...29·1 per cent.
1st Class shots	...	...40·3 ,,
2nd do.	...	...25·7 ,,
3rd do.	...	.. 4·8 ,,

shewing that an improvement in actual shooting has been made, but as a 2nd class shot is still considered as not much better than a third it is hoped that by increased instruction the number of indifferent shots may be decreased.

Officers and Non-Commissioned officers have improved not only in ability to instruct but in their own shooting. Nearly all Non-Commissioned Officers are good shots while most Officers are good and many of them brilliant.

Practical musketry—*i.e.*, off the range firing may be improved—although great strides have been made in the actual shooting in field practices. Greater attention should be given to individual field practices. When a man is on the range the result of every shot is seen, but when he is firing as one of a company, his commander has no idea where his shots are going , so that "one man, one target" schemes are essential to ascertain whether the instruction received on the range is being turned to account.

The question of targets is still a vexatious one, and targets which remain standing throughout and shew no hits are generally useless.

Those of us who took part in the Divisional Field Firing in the early part of 1905 will remember the target, consisting of a small tin filled with shell powder, which was used there and caused a considerable amount of interest. Targets of this nature are recommended, and rightly so, as there is a certain satisfaction in hitting something that goes off with a "bang"—anything pertaining to the 5th of November is sure to excite interest in the mind of the average Britisher.

The question of entrenching tools is gone into, and the examples witnessed in the recent Russo-Japanese War are put forward. Although it has been urged for years that the rifle is useless without

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the spade, when is entrenching ever practised in peace such as it would have to be carried out in war? By working in five-minute reliefs the Japanese made a trench 3 feet by 3 feet giving 4½ feet of cover in 20 minutes.

Range finding does not receive enough attention. Although the Mekometer is not the best instrument, still it is sufficiently reliable for all practical purposes, and the use of it from behind cover and without the users exposing themselves should be carefully practised, while range finding by trial shots should be oftener carried out.

Taken all over the Memorandum is worthy of study by all who interest themselves in practical musketry, as by observing the principal faults committed from year to year one may learn what to avoid and what to emphasize when undergoing the annual course of musketry.

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The Reminiscences of Veterans.

During the Indian Mutiny Campaign Sir Colin Campbell, then Commander-in-Chief in India, received a letter from the mother of a Corporal of the Ninety-Third, stating that her son was neglecting to write to her and asking him to use his influence to get him to correspond with her more regularly. The erring non-commissioned officer was at once ordered by Lieutenant and Adjutant Macbean of the 93rd to appear at the tent of the Commander-in-Chief. There a sharp twenty-minutes talk from Sir Colin was his punishment, and he was not dismissed until he had promised to write regularly to his mother. The veteran Commander-in-Chief also wrote a letter to the Corporal's mother telling her how her son was getting on. This letter is still preserved by the family as a priceless relic. The corporal afterwards became a Sergeant and had a son (known to most of the present generation) who was also a Colour-Sergeant in the Regiment.

Colour-Sergeant Hutton tells the following story of himself which happened at Sialkote in 1865. He was Battalion Orderly Sergeant one day and was showing "Orders" to the Church of England "padre" who as Station Chaplain was entitled to see "Orders." The "padre" was fond of a "crack" and on this occasion asked Hutton why it was that Scotsmen were usually so fond of whisky. "Oh!" said our old veteran, "that is easily explained. They are born to it in a way. They get their first taste when they are born, and then another taste when they are baptised." A few days afterwards Colour-Sergeant Hutton was giving evidence at the orderly room against a man whom he had confined for "drunkenness." After hearing the evidence Colonel Burroughs, with a significant look at Hutton, said to the prisoner, "I suppose my man, you, like Colour-Sergeant Hutton, are a Scotsman and were baptised in whisky?" The prisoner was so much staggered by the query of the Commanding Officer that he quite forgot his usual line of defence.

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Professional Robbers of India.

THEIR DARING FEATS.

Peshawar, which is about sixteen miles from the Khyber Pass, has a population of fifty or sixty thousand. Its position at the entrance of the chief gateway into Cabul gathers within its walls men from almost every district in India and every country in Central Asia. About two miles from the city is the military cantonment. It is perhaps the most important in the whole country. In general there are stationed in it nine or ten regiments, and three or four batteries of artillery. It is not my intention to discuss the importance of its position or give a sketch of its history. My purpose is to give a short account of some of the robberies which took place when I was quartered in it some little time ago. Many soldiers who have been stationed at the cantonment have left Peshawar without any knowledge of the city itself. This does not arise from any unwillingness on the part of the British soldier to visit the city, but from a garrison order forbidding him to enter it without a written permission from his commanding officer. Such an order is seemingly a very hard one, but it is one that is absolutely necessary. In the bazaars are to be found men from almost every district in India, and, what is more to our purpose at present, men belonging to the many tribes which occupy the neighbouring hills. These tribes in their form of government and in their devotion to their chiefs are very similar to the Highland clans of Scotland in former times. Though they are at constant feud with each other—there are two things that can band these tribes, and these are by them considered as one—a war with the English and the defence of their religion. Such a people are readily excited, and street brawls in the native city of Peshawar are consequently by no means uncommon. The appearance of the British soldier has often a maddening influence on the more religious Mussulmans; and Europeans, at least those belonging to the military branch of the service, have not yet learned to take meekly any insult offered to them by natives. It is on this account that permission to enter the city is so seldom granted by commanding officers.

Arms, horses, and money are the chief things sought after by the thieves and robbers of the Peshawar Valley and adjoining hills, and there is no breach of charity in saying that the men of the hill tribes are professional robbers. To secure these articles they adopt nearly every conceivable plan, and show no little skill and daring, as may be seen from the following illustrations, which, I may add, are given without any colouring, and are strictly true. Mr. Lowenthal, a well-known missionary stationed at Peshawar, was one night sitting at his desk when he saw his dhurree (carpet) quietly lifted up by a man's head rising apparently out of the floor. An exclamation of surprise and a call for help caused the head to disappear. On inspection Mr. Lowenthal found that his house had been entered in a way somewhat unusual but by no means new. The thieves—there must have been more than one engaged in the affair—had dug a hole close to the study, and run a tunnel right under the wall to the middle of the floor of the room. Some idea of the skill of the miners may be gained from the fact that Mr. Lowenthal was not disturbed by any noise until the head of the robber was actually in the room. A year or two after the above incident took place this eminent Oriental scholar was murdered in his verandah by one of his own servants.

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Earthquakes are of frequent occurrence in the Peshawar Valley, and on this account nearly every house is built of mud, mixed with chopped straw, the same material being used for outhouse buildings, of which the stable is generally the most important. A mounted officer has perhaps two hundred pounds invested in horses, and it is therefore a most important matter for him that these animals should be protected from the bands of thieves. Many are the plans used for this purpose.

Guarding horses, perhaps the most successful and consequently the most popular, is to fasten an iron chain round each hind leg of the horse, and padlock the chains to an iron bar driven firmly into the ground. This, however, does not always baffle the thieves, as they know the use of a file as well as their pale-faced neighbours. There are instances known when the robbers, finding all their attempts fail to get rid of the chains, in their anger have had the brutality to cut the feet off the horse. Many officers trust to chokedhars or watchmen, but these men are not to be implicitly trusted when there is danger near. The Sikh watchmen are an exception, but they are difficult to find. There has ever been a deadly feud between the Afghans and the Sikhs, and a sleeping Sikh watchman found by an Afghan prowler receives no mercy. A knife driven into the heart ends sleep and life together. In general the watchmen are natives of the district, and are quite aware that the most pleasant part of their duty is to draw their wages once a month. They may actually see the thieves loosening their masters' horses, and the groom may be lying within a yard of the horses watching with fear and trembling every movement, yet will not interfere. They will not even show any sign of being awake, because any attempt on their part to disturb what is going on or to raise an alarm would make the thieves take notice of them in a way far from pleasant. There is in fact no plan to protect horses which has not occasionally proved a failure.

The General's mule—the gallant General commanding the Peshawar Division at the time to which I am alluding, had a very valuable mule, an animal greatly prized in a hilly country, which he placed for security in front of a guard of native soldiers and within a few yards of the sentry's beat. It attracted the notice of some of the hillmen, and a little cautious daring made it their prize. Selecting a dark night for their enterprise, they crawled along the ground until they reached the animal. With one slash of their knives the head and heel ropes were cut, and before the sentry could do anything one of the thieves was on the back of the mule, and both were lost in darkness. The most popular plan adopted in horse-stealing is, however, somewhat different.

It requires at least three men to carry it out comfortably and successfully. One of them quietly steals his way into the stable, and lays hold of a cord which has been pushed through one of the air-holes in the wall by one of his friends outside. The two use the string as a saw, while the third man pours upon it a plentiful supply of water. The cord silently and speedily cuts its way down the mud wall. In a wonderfully short time the three craftsmen manage to saw round a portion of the wall, which when pushed outwards, leaves a space sufficient to allow a horse to pass through. This done the remaining work presents no difficulty. The ropes that bind the horse are cut, and in a short time he is cantering to the hills with generally two and sometimes three new masters on his back. Farther "down country" there prevailed a strange custom among the professional thieves, which I have not seen noticed in any books. They fasten iron hooks, very similar in shape to our ordinary fish-hooks, to their fingers. Should they be disturbed in their operations and attacked, they claw the faces of those trying to capture them, and thus inflict most terrible wounds.

One of the most common preparations to ensure safety made by the hillmen when they intend to rob a house in the cantonments is a very simple one. They provide themselves with ten or a dozen stones half the size of the fist, which they lay down on the ground at intervals on their approach to the house on which they contemplate operations. Should they be disturbed or pursued they retreat on the line of stones, and, picking them up as they retire, throw them at their pursuers, and with such precision and force that we have never heard of a capture under these circumstances. Seldom indeed do the thieves, unless compelled, use violence, though they, like all their countrymen, hold life cheap. They prefer to carry off their booty quietly. I was in camp on one occasion when some thieves came into the regimental bazaar, and lifted the tent in which the baker and his wife were sleeping, without disturbing the slumberers, and carried it away. The silence of the movements and the gentleness of the touch of these men are wonderful.

One has difficulty in believing the story about the native who climbed a tree, and took an egg out of a nest without disturbing the bird which was sitting on it, and one has a little more difficulty in believing the addition to the story that while the man was taking the egg a second man climbed the tree, and stole his trousers. But I have known servants who put the socks on the feet of their masters without disturbing them before they awoke them for morning parade with, "Sahib, Sahib, bugle gone," and it is a well-known fact that a good "professional" will take the sheet from under a person lying upon it even after he has given warning that he will do so. The plan adopted is ingenious. The performer folds very smoothly the one side of the sheet which is not occupied. He then tickles the ear or the nostril of the sleeper gently but sufficient to cause him to turn round a little. The piece of sheet thus gained is added to the folds. The process is repeated until one-half the sheet is in folds. The operator then goes to the opposite side of the bed, and with a delicate use of the feather he soon has the sleeper over the folded portion, and the trick is accomplished.

There is nothing the hillmen prize so highly as the British soldier's rifle and some rounds of ammunition. Every precaution is taken to secure the rifles, but during the time I was in the station many were stolen. An order was given commanding every soldier to place his rifle under his cotton mattress, and sleep upon it. Still the rifles went amissing. There was a suspicion that some of the soldiers sold them, and accordingly strong presses were placed in the barrack rooms, in which the rifles were lodged every night; but still now and then rifles were missing.

The hillmen, finding that their chance in the barrack rooms had gone, turned their attention to the guard-rooms. The guard consisted of a sergeant and twelve men at least. Each man had his rifle and every sentry had his weapon loaded. The thieves easily managed to escape the notice of the sentry in a dark night, and slip into the guardroom, and there they generally succeeded in finding at least one rifle handy, and made off with it. If the sentry discovered what was going on he was unwilling to fire, because if he sent a bullet through one of the robbers he was tried by a general Court-Martial. Though "honourably acquitted" was always the finding, the trial nevertheless brought a great amount of trouble on him—a fact of which the thieves were doubtless aware.

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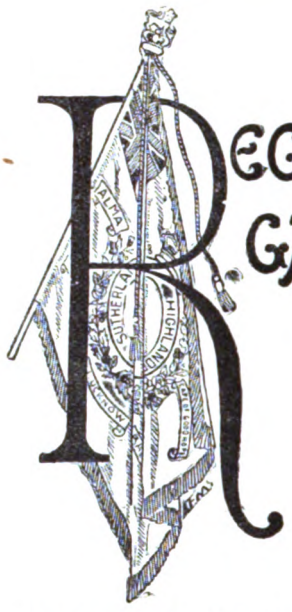
Ninety-Third Calendar for May 1906.

1	Tu.	Left Table Bay for England 1814. Est. reduced to 33 Officers, 59 Sergeants, 23 Drummers and Pipers, 40 Corporals and 480 Privates, 1872.
2	W.	Lieut.-Col. Alexander Halkett to 10th Foot, 1810. "B" Coy. win Tug-of-war Shield, 1901.
3	Th.	George Johnstone, Lieut.-Col., 1810. Emb. at Balaklava on board *Sphynx* and *Nemours* for expedition to Kertch and Yenikale (cancelled), 1855.
4	F.	New Equipment issued 1905.
5	S.	Battle of Bareilly, 1858. 1 man killed.
6	**S.**	"Big Sam" (Sergeant Samuel McDonald) d., 1802; he was 6 ft. 10 in. height, and measured 48 round chest; buried in Strangers' Cemetery, Guernsey. Arrd. Spithead from West Indies, 1834 (strength 371 N.C.O's and men), Gallipoli to Scutari, 1854. Terrific hailstorm at Nowshera, 1897; hailstones 4¼ in. in circumference.
7	M.	Cherat summer detachment left Nowshera, 1896.
8	Tu.	Disembarked Ramsgate from West Indies, 1834, to Canterbury. "G" Company win Physical Drill Shield, 1901.
9	W.	
10		Final Cricket Clock Tournament, Nowshera, 1897 (1st day).
11	F.	Final Cricket Clock Tournament, 1897, "B" Company winners.
12		Edinburgh to Portsmouth on board *Himalaya* 1873.
13	**S.**	"B" and "H" Companies (summer detachment) to Cherat, 1897.
14	M.	Arrd. Portsmouth from Granton, 1873, to Aldershot. Arrived Spithead from America, 1815; ordered to Cork.
15	Tu.	Arrived Aldershot, 1873.
16	W.	Re-inforced at Canterbury by Depot Companies, 1834.
17	Th.	Dublin for the Curragh, 1834.
18	F.	Weedon for N. of England by detachments, 1835. Head-quarters, Blackburn.
19	S.	Weedon for N. of England, 1835.
20	**S.**	
21	M.	
22	Tu.	Est. augmented to 800 rank and file, 1843. Again embark (ships *Sphynx* and *Stromboli*) for expedition to Gulf of Kertch, 1855 New Colours presented at Dover by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, 1857.
23	W.	"G" Company Win Hockey Cup, 1904.
24	Th.	Exchange Draft (150 strong) arrived from South Africa, 1902.
25	F.	
26	S.	
27	**S.**	Weedon to N. of England, 1835.
28	M.	Disembarked, Cork, 1815, to Birr; re-inforced following December, by draft from reduced 2nd Battalion.
29	Tu.	
30	W.	Maj-Genl. Sir John Cameron, K.C.B., Colonel to 9th Foot, 1833.
	Th.	Lt.-Genl. Sir Jasper Nicolls, K. C. B., Colonel 1833.



PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant.

No. 2255 Corporal A. Peggie, "A" Coy., dated 9th March 1906.

To be Corporal.

No. 5758 Lce. Corporal E. Parry, "D" Coy., dated 9th March.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lce. Corporals.

No. 8209 Lce. Corporal S. Weller, "F" Company, 9-3-06.

No. 9712, Lce. Corpl. A. Seath, "A" Coy., 9-3-06.
No. 9616, Lce. Corpl. W. Beattie, "A" Coy., 13-3-06.
No. 9240, Lce. Corpl. C. White, "G" Coy., 16-3-06.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Band Sergeant.

No. 2225, Sergt. A. Peggie, "A" Coy., dated 9-3-06.

To be Band Corporal.

No. 5758, Corpl E. Parry, "D" Coy., dated 9-3-06.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 6078, Pte. T. Peacock, "H" Coy., dated 2-3-06.
,, 7888, ,, W. Hilton, ... "D" Coy., dated 2-3-06.
,, 7926, ,, A. Potts, ... ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 8111, ,, J. Scott, ... ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 7758, ,, T. Flockhart, "B" Coy., dated 3-3-06.
,, 7808, ,, W. Ferguson, "B" Coy., dated 12-3-06.
,, 6338, ,, W. Balfour, "F" Coy., dated 12-3-06.
,, 6449, ,, W. Yeo, "C" Coy., dated 12-3-06.
,, 6663, ,, C. Dunne, "C" Coy, dated 24-3-06.
,, 9028, ,, G. Lawson, "C" Coy., dated 24-3-06.

To be Assistant Regimental Instructor in Gymnastics.

No. 7698, Lance Corporal W. McCorkell, "D" Coy.

To be temporary Lance Corporal.

No. 7467, Private J. McLuckie, "C" Company (while on Regimental Police).

To be Bandsmen.

No. 9964, Boy J. Taylor, "G" Company, dated 16-2-06.
,, 5577, Pte. T. Deloughery, "G" Coy., ,, 9-3-06.

To be Piper.

No. 9901, Boy A. Miller, "E" Company, dated 18-3-06.

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"C" Company.

No. 7983, Private W. Duncan.

"D" Company.

No. 5163, Pte. J. Allan | No. 7382, Pte. J. McWilliams
No. 5129, Private H. McLean

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7929,	,, W. Downie	7977,	,, A. Blackley
7860,	,, J. Berry	7874,	,, G. Christie

No. 5656, Private A. McIntyre

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"G" Company.

No. 427, Pte. R. Adam.

"H." Company.

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9557,	,, A. Robertson	9680,	,, P. McCann
9614,	,, J. Scott	9702,	,, T. McKee
9593,	,, T. Quinn	9709,	,, G. Jack
8420,	,, J. Finlay	9064,	,, F. Rennie
9585,	,, J. Henderson	9600,	,, W. McVey
9635,	,, D. Forrest	9661,	,, D. Todd
9681,	,, A. McCuaig	9685,	,, T. Leishman
9683,	,, J. Blaikie	9692,	,, D. Gibb

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,,	7956,	,, J. Stewart,	"G"	,,
,,	7979,	,, W. Downie,	"H"	,,
,,	7977,	,, A. Blackey,	"H"	,,

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,,	9412,	,, J. Robertson	"G"	,,
,,	8295,	,, R. Mullen,	"E"	,,
,,	9163,	,, J. Robertson,	,,	,,
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,,	6677,	,, C. McPherson,	"H"	,,
,,	6983,	,, G. Cameron,	"B"	,,
,,	5577,	Bdsmn. J. Deloughery,	"G"	,,
,,	9392,	Private A. Brunton,	"H"	,,

CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned are granted Certificates of Education.

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No.	7963,	Private G. McLeod,	"A"	Company.
,,	8090,	,, W. Green,	"E"	,,
,,	9670,	,, J. Stevenson,	,,	,,
,,	9027,	,, C. Biggins,	"G"	,,
,,	9850,	,, H. Young,	,,	,,
,,	9908,	,, W. Faulds,	,,	,,
,,	9964,	Bdsmn. W. Lawrie,	"H"	,,

Third Class.

No.	4553,	L. Corporal F. Quinn,	"H"	Company.
,,	8907,	Dr. A. McLean,	"A"	,,
,,	8165,	Private E. Moore,	"H"	,,
,,	9157,	,, A. McKay,	"E"	,,
,,	8067,	,, G. Shannon,	"F"	,,
,,	7449,	,, C. Hunter,	"B"	,,
,,	8956,	,, R. Bell,	"E"	,,
,,	7799,	,, A. Moffatt,	"A"	,,
,,	9304,	,, J. Laird,	"E"	,,
,,	9356,	Piper G. Davie,	"F"	,,
No.	10019,	Private A. Algar,	"G"	,,
,,	7319,	,, J. Lothian,	"B"	,,
,,	9539,	Bdsmn. E. Brasier,	"H"	,,

MUSKETRY.

The following N.-C.O's. and men have qualified for marksmen's Badges.

"H" Company.

No. 7455, Pte. G. Polson (*Company Shot*).

No. 5726 Pte. R. Sibbald	No. 6415 Pte. J. Caskie
,, 7174 Lce. Corpl. W. Macpherson	,, 9600 ,, J. McVey
,, 5243 W. Lawrie	,, 7703 Lce. Cpl. D. Stirling

Casuals.

No. 4682 Corpl. A. Gray	No. 5696 L. C. C. Harkness.
No. 8171 Private S. Bell.	
No. 6391 Pte. W. Melville, "H" Coy.	No. 3306 Cr.-Sgt. A. Lockie, "E" Coy.
,, 7421 ,, D. Hope, "D" Coy.	,, 7449 Pte. C. Hunter, "B" Coy.
,, 7960 ,, V. Mackenzie, "B" Coy.	,, 5527 Pte. R. Farrington, "F" Coy

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

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No. 5171 Private J. Coutts, "A" Company

Extended to complete 12 years with the Colours.

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,, 7013 Private J. Griffith, "D" Company.

Extended to complete 9 years with the Colours.

No.	9508	Private R. Tunstall,	"F"	Company
,,	9487	,, T. McDonald,	"F"	,,
,,	8141	,, J. Samson,	"F"	,,
,,	10043	,, A. MacLennan,	"A"	

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company.

No. 2225 Band-Sergeant A. Peggie, "A" to "E" Coy.
,, 5158 Corporal E. Parry, "D" to "A" Company.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

From Home Establishment.

No. 5899 Sergeant F. Walker, from 25-3-06 and posted to "D" Company

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

On Transfer to H.E. The Governor's Band.

No. 4878 Sergeant J. McLachlan, "E" Coy., dated 9-3-06.

The undermentioned N.-C.O's. and men having sailed from Bombay for England in H.T. "Plassy" on 16th March are struck off the strength of the battalion accordingly:—

FOR DISCHARGE *Time expired.*

No. 5017 Pte. J. Scott,	"H"	No. 5052 Cpl. J. McLachlan,	"H"
No. 5050 Pte. J. Briton,	"A"	No. 5054 Pte. D. Donaldson,	"H"
No. 5033 Pte. K. McGregor,	"C"		

FOR TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

No.	6469	Pte. J. Kidd,	Coy. "E"	No.	6491	Pte. J. Herbert,	Coy. "E"
,,	6842	,, D. McKay,	"H"	,,	6524	,, A. McCaskill,	"C"
,,	6509	,, C. Cameron,	"H"	,,	6530	,, J. Kilrain,	"A"
,,	6553	,, A. Rankine,	"B"	,,	6555	,, J. Smith,	"C"
,,	6577	,, P. Martin,	"A"	,,	5755	,, J. Smith,	"C"
,,	6605	,, W. Kennedy,	"F"	,,	6630	,, J. Henderson,	"C"
,,	6639	,, G. Russell,	"A"	,,	6647	,, J. Adam,	"C"
,,	6666	,, D Shields,	"C"	,,	6684	,, J. Smith,	"B"
,,	9154	,, J. Bowler,	"A"	,,	9161	,, J. Buchanan,	"F"
,,	9184	,, J. Crawford,	"F"	,,	9174	,, P. Lynch,	"H"
,,	9182	,, J. Mitchell,	"D"	,,	9193	,, A. Stewart,	"F"
,,	9194	,, J. Butterworth	"H"	,,	9198	,, J. McIntosh,	"E"
,,	9202	,, J. Stevenson,	"B"	,,	8923	,, P. Ormsby,	"E"
,,	8869	,, P. Bradley,	"D"	,,	9217	,, R. Spiers,	"B"
,,	9220	,, D. Robertson,	"F"	,,	8812	,, A. Anderson,	"F"
,,	9235	,, J. Campbell,	"G"	,,	8844	,, W. Smillie,	"C"
,,	9242	,, J. Miller,	"H"	,,	9248	,, D. Wilson,	"F"
,,	6478	,, J. Duncan,	"E"	,,	9173	,, J. Brogan,	"F"
,,	6523	L.C. T. McDermott,	"C"	,,	9177	,, R. Marshall,	"G"
,,	6541	Pte. T. Scrymgeour,	"E"	,,	9192	,, A. McFarlane,	"H"

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			Coy.				Coy.
No.	6539	J. Ballantyne,	"D"	No.	9201	R. Johnstone,	"B"
,,	6664	W. Jamieson,	"A"	,,	9208	J. Dickson,	"H"
,,	5816	J. Baker,	"G"	,,	9219	D. Smith,	"H"
,,	6635	D. Stevenson,	"E"	,,	8961	J. Forrest,	"E"
,,	6657	C. Gray,	"H"	,,	6066	D. Brown,	"F"
,,	9149	W. Sinclair,	"G"				

INVALIDS.

			Coy.				Coy.
No.	5227 Pte.	R. Hyslop,	"A"	No.	7508 Pte.	J. Tennant,	"D"
,,	9347 ,,	W. Watson,	"D"	,,	9146 ,,	J. Roberts,	"D"
,,	8855 ,,	J. McNicol,	"F"	,,	7042 ,,	J. Gunning,	"C"
,,	9354 Boy	G. McLellan,	"C"	,,	5516 ,,	G. Anderson,	"C"
,,	8242 Pte.	C. Cahill,	"A"	,,	8161 ,,	J. Aitken,	"G"
,,	8875 ,,	W. Pollock,	"G"	,,	9325 ,,	P. McMillan,	"H"
,,	7963 ,,	A. Linton,	"C"	,,	6598 ,,	D. Cochrane,	"G"
,,	7595 ,,	A. McGill,	"E"				

TO DISCHARGE—*Other causes.*

No. 6728 Pte. W. Grant, "D" Coy., No. 7394 Pte. J. Vallely, "B" Coy., No. 7496 Pte. T. Burns, "D" Coy., No. 7483 Pte. J. Campbell, "D" Coy., No. 7178 Pte. H. Griffith, "C" Coy., No. 7478 Pte. A. Robertson, "D" Coy. No. 7461 Pte. D. Smith, "C" Coy.

The undermentioned are granted furlough to England from 16th instant.

No.		Coy.	No.		Coy.
6386,	Sgt. J. Dougall.	"G"	5772	Sgt. R. White,	"F"
6440,	Cpl. E. McElroy,	"E"	4567	,, D. Inglis,	"E"
			No. 5287	Cpl. C. Monro, "B" Coy.	

FURLOUGHS.

The following are granted furloughs:—

No. 7704, Lce.-Cpl. T. Jack, } 30-3-06 to 30-4-06.
,, 6142, Pte. W. Rastall, }
,, 7950, Lce.-Cpl. H. J. Hutchinson, 1st to 30-3-06.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

McRae.—At Poona, on the 19th day of March 1906, to the wife of Sergeant A. McRae, Ninety-third Highlanders, a son, *Alexander James.*

MARRIAGE.

Campbell-Howatt.—At St. Andrews', Bombay, on the 8th day of March 1906, the Rev. J. Phillips officiating, Corporal C. Campbell, Ninety-third Highlanders, to Margaret Jackson, youngest daughter of the late John Howatt, Contractor, Bridgetown.

DEATH.

Conkey.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 3rd day of March 1906, of enteric fever, Private Alexander Conkey, "C" Company, Ninety-third Highlanders.

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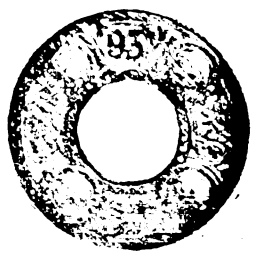

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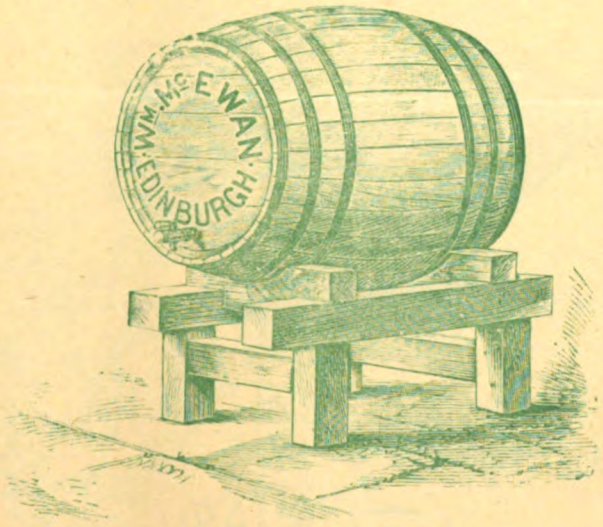

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SKIRLS

The month of April may be well termed the sporting month of the Ninety Third as, since the conclusion of the drill season, a Boxing, Shooting, and Assault-at-Arms meeting have been very successfully carried through. The Regimental Boxing Tournament was indeed a brilliant affair; the Wappenschaw the most popular in recent years; while the Amusement Club's Gala proved a success in its own particular department of military sports The Football League is now well started, and in our columns we give a brief account of the matches up to the first week of this month.

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We are glad to learn that notwithstanding the intense heat of late, disease in Poona is slowly abating, and the authorities deserve every credit for the efficient manner in which they tackled the first outbreak. At the moment of writing there are indications that rain is close at hand, and we hope that the plenteous monsoon of last year may be repeated and allow us to leave Poona with a clean bill of health.

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Although nothing official has yet been published regarding the date of our departure for South Africa we have been notified of Pretoria being our first station, and rumour has it that we will be there before the year is out. A good many members of the Battalion have already been in Pretoria, and though the town itself does not appear to be overhealthy, the barracks being some distance from the town are reckoned to be exceptionally clean and free from trouble.

No time has been lost in getting company training started again, "A" under Captain McCandlish and "F" under Captain Elphinston being the first two companies. "D" Company, we hear, are to commence the musketry course, which will of necessity require to be pushed through more rapidly than in previous years.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson, accompanied by Mrs. Paterson, has proceeded to Simla to enjoy a well earned rest, while Captain McCandlish, and Lieutenants Herbert and Bruce have also gone on leave.

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Captain A. H. Maclean, we believe, has had excellent sport on his shooting leave in the Central Provinces, at least one tiger falling to his gun.

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"E" Company, 65 strong, under Lieutenant Fenzi, proceeded on the 17th instant to take over the duties of the British Detachment at Kirkee

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Since their arrival there, they have started on Field Training.

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Lieutenant A. B. Harley, The Buffs, who has been attached to us for some time, has been posted to the 121st Pioneers as officiating Double Company Officer.

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Lieutenant A. E. Kennedy and Sergeant Norrie proceeded to Satara to undergo instruction at the Musketry School there.

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The Arms of the Battalion were inspected during the month by the Chief Civil Master Armourer, and were found to be in excellent condition.

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"G" and "H" Companies, who comprise part of the moveable Column, were inspected on the General Parade Ground by Lieutenant-Colonel Grantham of the 33rd Cavalry.

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Colonel Hunt, who is in command of the 91st Regimental District, has been telling an interviewer it's all nonsense to suppose the recruits at Stirling Castle, or for the matter of that, recruits for any Highland Regiment, contain a large portion of Cockneys. Native-born Scots, says the Colonel, and those of Scottish parentage, are only accepted. Stirling Castle is rather happily situated as a training centre. For example, in the old Armoury it possesses a dining-hall many similar places would be only too glad to have. The great lack is the rifle range. Not only the military, but the volunteers, feel the want of this very necessary adjunct. As it is, the troops at the depot have to journey to Barry to put in their annual musketry training. A large business in recruiting goes on at the Castle. Captain Beattie, the recruiting officer, finds that the men, after having undergone their 49 days' training for the militia, prefer to join the colours. Hence a constant drain on militia recruits, to the no small loss of that branch of the service Mr. Haldane is so anxious to retain as an effective force

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At one of the large reviews held during the recent royal visit to India, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is credited with having commented upon the lack of appearance given to the British troops by their wearing of the khaki helmet in review order. This defect has now been remedied, the military authorities having at last recognised the reasonableness of the criticism, and an Army Order announces that from the 1st April, "One white drill cover, one metal helmet button, covered with white drill or painted white, and one white puggaree for each Wolseley pattern khaki helmet in possession of British units," will be issued up to the authorised establishment of warrant officers, N.C.O's and men for wear when khaki is not worn. Since then our tailors have been busy fitting the covers, so that on our next review parade our appearance will be much enhanced.

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To Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Alexander the Editor is indebted for the following interesting cutting:—

"The death is announced of Major-General James de Havilland, late of the Royal Artillery. He joined the Army in 1847, and during the first year of the Crimean War he was a lieutenant in Captain (later Sir George) Baker's Field Battery. It was engaged at the Alma on September 20th, 1854, and on October 25th was on the left of the 93rd Highlanders (the "Thin Red Line") during the first part of the Battle of Balaklava.

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The following non-commissioned officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have been awarded medals for long service and good conduct with gratuity, *viz.*:—Colour-Sergeant G. E. Lee, Colour-Sergeant J. Inglis, Sergeant W. Hall, and Private W. W. Wood.

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With this number the *Thin Red Line* enters upon the twelfth year of its existence, and as it promises to be one of many changes the Editor is obliged to look forward to the near future with considerable anxiety. This anxiety does not arise from the thought that the Ninety Third will not support its regimental journal wherever it may be stationed, but from all accounts South Africa is not a place where a periodical like ours can be produced at the present low charge, and to increase the charge would be a rather radical change to those who have been accustomed to purchasing more than a single copy. However we will hope for the best luck to attend us, and when our future has been settled, a definite statement of the editorial intentions will be put forward for our readers.

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With this issue we present to our readers a full page reproduction of the most recent photo taken of the officers of the Ninety Third. The group is complete except for Lieutenants Bruce and Forbes, and 2nd Lieutenants Maclaine and Campbell, who were all absent from the station when the photograph was taken.

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The following Hockey Team represented the Ninety Third against the Poona Gymkhana in a recent match, and after a hard struggle succeeded in drawing with them, the score being 3—3. *Goal*, Corporal Campbell. *Backs*, Lce.-Corpl. Eite and Sergeant Markey. *Halfs*, Lieut. Harley, Lce. Cpl. Berry and Pte. Ballantyne. *Forwards*, Mr. Tarbotton, Piper Kean, Lieutenant Porteous, Private Faulds and Lce.-Sgt. Galbraith.

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From the Home papers we observe:—"At Stirling, on 11th February, Mrs. Maclean, wife of Captain C. A. H. Maclean of a daughter."

We understand Captain Maclean's term of Adjutancy of the Stirlingshire Volunteers is up in October, so we hope soon to see them back again in the Ninety-Third.

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Regimental Assault-at-Arms.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Committee of the Amusement Club having decided to hold a series of Quarterly Tournaments open to members of the Club, their first meeting was held in the Theatre on 11th and 12th April.

Mr. Porteous, assisted by Sergeant Markey and Lance-Corporal Montgomery, performed the duties of the Committee, while Sergeant Lambert and Corporal Duckworth, East Lancashire Regiment, and Sergeant Ranger of the Gymnastic Staff gave their services as judges in the different competitions.

In the competitions, gymnastic instructors were debarred, with the result that the contests were more level and consequently gave more interest to both competitors and spectators.

The following were the results of the competition.

Bayonet Fighting. Open to the last two drafts.

1 Private Algar, "G" Company.

Bayonet Fighting. Open to members.

1 Lance-Corporal Swan, "B" Company.
2 Private Turnbull, "H" "

Gymnastic Competition. Open to recruits.

1 Private McKechnie, "F" Company.
2 " Shaw, "G" "
3 " Cunninghame, "G" Company.

Gymnastic Competition. Open to members.

1 Private Wright, "F" Company.
2 " McKinnon, "C" "
3 " McInnes, "H" "

Foils v. *Foils.*

1 Private Turnbull, "H" Company.
2 Lance-Corporal Swan, "B" Company.

Bayonet v. *Sabre.*

1 Drummer McKinnon, "C" Company.
2 Private Neil, "B" Company.

Inter-Company Football League.

FOR SEASON 1905-06.

The League was rather delayed this year, but a start was made on the 16th of April, and, up to date some very interesting matches have been witnessed. Perhaps the principal game of the list shown below was that between "D" and "E," and, as the followers of our League fancy either of those two teams for the eventual winners of the clock and badges, a very close game was expected, and their expectations were thoroughly realised. Up to the present there is one feature of the tournament which pleases everybody, and that is the success of "A" Company. Of late years they have been very unlucky in the way of players, indeed, with the exceptions of a couple of players, they are not individually strong this year, but they are all hard workers, and we hope to see them somewhere near the top at the end of the League. "E" are at the top of our first league table, but as they are a match in hand of "D" who are a good second, it will be interesting to see how things turn out at their second meeting.

"*A*" *v.* "*G.*" As usual, "A" and "G" faced each other in the first game of the tournament. Play, as was the case in most matches, was to a certain extent spoiled by the wind, which was blowing a perfect hurricane, nevertheless a hard and fast game was witnessed. Although 4 goals were scored neither could lay claim to full points, the game ending in a draw, "A" 2; "G" 2.

"*B*" *v.* "*F.*" This was also a hard contested game. The backs of both teams were the outstanding players, and showed same good defensive work, especially Ballantyne of "B." As in the above game neither could claim any advantage, the game ending in a draw of one goal each.

"*C*" *v.* "*E.*" "E" had really the best of matters all the way through, although "C" had a look in now and then, but Mullen was almost unbeatable. "E" notched two goals during the game, and although many were of the opinion that one was an offside goal, we think the referee was quite justified in awarding the point. Final, "E" 2; "C" 1.

"*D*" *v.* "*H*". Although Mowatt won the toss (and somehow or another he generally manages to do so), he played his team against the wind and sun. Whether "D's" success was due to Mowatt's selection or not, is a matter for imagination, but nevertheless they played the better game of the two, and eventually ran out winners by a very comfortable margin, the score being 3-0.

"*G*" *v.* "*A.*" In the second match between these two teams "A" early asserted their superiority, principally owing to the strong kicking of

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their backs, Allan and McMillan, and although they could only manage to win by the odd goal, nobody, not even "G," grudged them their victory. Result; "A" 1; "G" 0.

"*F*" *v.* "*B.*" These two teams again tried conclusions, but the game ended in another draw. In the second half "F" were hardly ever away from "B's" goal, but George always seemed to be in the right place at the right time. Ballantyne also, saved their team to a certain extent, his tackling and kicking being exceptionally good, result "F" 0; "B" 0.

"*E*" *v.* "*C.*" This was also a very hard contested game, and eventually ended in a draw of one goal each. Green of "E" scored for his team from a well-placed corner, while Lapsley equalised for "C." Result "C" 1 goal; "E" 1 goal.

"*H*" *v.* "*D.*" In the second match between these two Companies, "H" played a superior game to their previous one, and "D" could only manage to make a draw of it, there being no scoring at the call of time.

"*A*" *v.* "*B*". "A" again showed us that they don't mean to be left very far down at the finish of the league. They played a good strong game at both attack and defence, and succeeded in drubbing "B" to the tune of 4 goals to 1.

"*C*" *v.* "*D.*" "D" outplayed "C" at every turn and completely bombarded their goal for the best part of both halves. The score stood 4-0 when the whistle blew time up, "D" having added another four to their goal average, with still a clean sheet themselves, no goals having been scored against them up to date.

"*E*" *v.* "*F.*" Both teams played rather strong at the start, and both had hard lines in not piercing the defence. The wind was particularly bad and spoilt the game many times, as the ball kept continually going out of play when kicked anything strong. Campbell scored the only goal of the game for "E" who claimed full points. Result —"E" 1; "F" 0.

"*G*" *v.* "*H.*" The outstanding feature of this game was the display of the backs of both teams, especially those of "G," had it not been for them "H" would have certainly have had more than three goals to their credit. "G" only scored once, although they missed many dead certs. in front of goal, they were extremely unlucky at times. —"H" 3, "G" 1.

"*A*" *v.* "*C.*" "C" were rather unfortunate in not being able to turn out an eleven against "A," the latter therefore claiming the points.

"*B*" *v.* "*D.*" The first half of the game was the more interesting of the two, as both teams played a strong game. Although "D" again won the toss they elected to play against the wind and sun. In some cases this is a wise enough course to pursue, but the Captain is supposed to be the best judge of that, and Mowatt's selection always seems to turn up trumps. Anyhow they managed to beat "B" very comfortably in the second half, the score on whistle sounding being "D" 8; "B" 1, which score will in all probability be the highest in the league.

"*E*" *v.* "*H.*" These teams were very evenly matched and a very exciting game was the outcome of the meeting. Play was fast from start to finish and the resultant score was what everyone expected, "E" 1; "H" 1.

"*F*" *v.* "*G.*" This was a fairly good game, but, as in the above match each side notched a point, the game ending in a draw. "F's" point was the result of a penalty kick. Duncan of "F" had rather a nasty accident, having come into collision with Eite of "G". He received a bad cut above the right eye which necessitated his leaving the field to have the cut stitched.

"*A*" *v.* "*D.*" As neither of the teams had as yet suffered defeat everyone naturally expected a close finish, but "D" was decidedly the better team of the two. Their halves completely and promptly broke up any attempt at combination on the part of "A's" forwards. McMillan and Robertson of "A" saved their team from a bigger defeat, the former breaking up many a dangerous run, whilst the latter's strong kicking and manner of tackling an opponent was a treat to witness. However "D" scored twice and won a very interesting game by 2; 0.

"*B*" *v.* "*C*". "C" had decidedly the best of exchanges and won easily. Ballantyne of "B" and Lapsley of "C" played their usual strong game. George, "B's" custodian was rather unlucky in having such a big score against him, as he played a grand saving game, result "C" 4; "B" 1.

"*E*" *v.* "*G.*" "G" got away from the start and kept the pressure for about ten minutes. It seemed as if they were bound to score, but "E's" backs and Mullen were too much for them. The second half was not so interesting as "E" kept "G" pretty much in their own end of the field, and had a game of shoot for goal all to themselves. They won by two goals to nothing.

"*F*" *v.* "*H.*" "H" seemed to be far and away a superior team to "F," both in shooting and combination. "F's" halves worked hard and gave their forwards many chances, only one of which was productive, whereas although "H" shot with perfect accuracy they failed to find the net, as "F's" keeper played a splendid game when called upon. Result, "F" 1; "H" 0.

"*A*" *v.* "*E.*" "E" were the first to make any progress, and Thomson had some difficulty in clearing a smart shot from Cameron. "A" thus monopolised the play but although they hadn't exactly it all to themselves, after pressure was

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relieved they managed to notch two goals against "E's" nil. "A's" supporters, and even those of other teams were quite enthusiastic at their victory, and they had good reason to be so, as "E" is a pretty hard team to beat, as many teams will find out before the league is finished. Many people are under the impression that, to use a regimental phrase, which, by the way, is a fitting password for the month, "A's" "Jam was in," but the majority of followers of the game, at least those who are not inclined to be in any way partial, will say it was a justly earned victory for "A." Result, "A" 2; "E" 1.

"*B*" *v.* "*G.*" There was very little interest centered in this match, as if one of the two teams succeeded in annexing the two points, it would not materially affect any of the teams at the top. Nevertheless a passable game was played. Leitch scored twice for "B," one goal being the result of a penalty. However they could not beat "G", who ran up a total of four goals, of which Mochan claimed two. "G" 4; "B" 2.

"*C*" *v.* "*F.*" Both teams started well and play was of an up and down character for the first quarter of an hour. Then "C" started pressing but could not get past Collins, who was playing for all he was worth. The goalkeeper also saved some very nasty shots. A draw was what everyone looked for as it was nearing time, when Lapsley surprised us by having a shot himself which found the net. He got possession of the ball about midfield and passing two of "F's" players, steadied himself about thirty yards from goal and shot beautifully, the ball just sailing under the bar. Result: "C" 1; "F" 0.

"*D*" *v.* "*E.*" Much speculation was going on round the pitch as to the probable winners between those two teams, and indeed they were well matched, as a very little separated them at the finish. "E" played with the wind and sun the first half, which naturally gave them a great advantage. Cameron scored the only goal of the match with one of his characteristic rushes. He looked suspiciously offside, but, however, the referee awarded the point, and he is his own judge. The score stood 1—0 at half time. With the wind in their favour the second half "D" completely bottled "E" up, but McLean and Mullen could not be beat. Just in the last half minute "D" secured a corner, and it seemed as if they would equalise, but "E's" supporters heaved a sigh of relief as the whistle blew, "E" having won by 1—0. This were "D" Coy.'s colours lowered after a hard struggle, but they were in no wise disgraced.

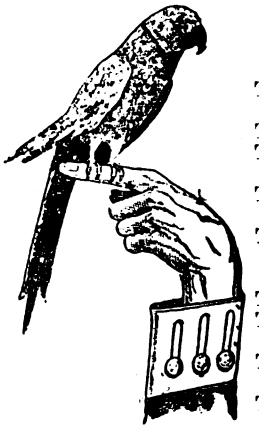
FOOTBALL IN PURANDHAR.

During our signallers' stay in the mountains they took part in a tournament, in which were also teams representing the Connaughts, East Lancs., and a team picked from the Leicesters and Artillery. Our sigs ran out winners of the tournament, having played 2 matches, scored 7 goals against none.

League Table up to and for May 12th

Coy.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Agnt.	Points.
"E"	7	4	1	2	8	3	10
"D"	6	4	1	1	17	2	9
"A"	6	4	1	1	9	5	9
"F"	6	1	2	3	7	4	5
"C"	6	2	3	1	7	8	5
"H"	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
"G"	6	1	3	2	8	11	4
"B"	6	0	4	2	6	21	2

What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT we hae bin' havin' a rale divertin' time.
That a body's had a chance.
That the league is weel started noo.
That it's been raither warm lately.
That somebody discovered it was too warm for second parade.
That the lecture wis a nickar.
That he wis staunin' pickin' himsel' up.
That its no the name that mak's the man.
That he likes his *Chota Hazri* at 10 p.m.'
That he belangs tae the Falkirk Company.
That it wis "count six in your own mind takin' the time frae the leadin' man."
That Kirkee wis a bit strange at first.
That he thocht he saw the flare up at Yerowda.
That it was only the auld min' risin'?
That he likit tae get his rupees in gold.
That the barracks in Pretoria are on the top o' a hollow.
That it's still lookin' for the ugliest face.
That his ring wis fu' o' fingers.
That they sat in the next church tae him.
That the new salute wis a wappy.
That he wis tae hae his arms extended and his fingers square.
That it's leevin' in the library noo.

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Musketry.

The Regimental Wapenschaw.

The most successful Wapenschaw held in recent years was carried through on Friday and Saturday, 20th and 21st April, on the Wanowrie Ranges. The entries were very numerous, and though the squadding arrangements were accurately timed, the usual delay in starting rather upset the times of the later men to shoot. The weather in the early morning was good from a shooting point of view—clear with scarcely any wind, but by breakfast time the breeze commenced and by midday was blowing fairly strong to the detriment of the shootists who were unfortunate enough to have late hours on their cards.

Several interesting features were introduced into the meeting: the competition for battalion shot, an inter-company team match, and the competition for the Highland Society's prize being the most important. The battalion shot was decided by five rounds deliberate at a Bisley Target at 500 yards, the same at 600 yards and five rounds at a disappearing target at 200 yards. Lance-Sergeant McKinlay secured premier prize in the Sergeants' class, being closely followed by Sergeant G. McQueen, while in the Corporals' and Privates' class, Private Clanahan came off first, followed by last year's winner Lance-Corporal Clarkson.

"A" Company contained both winners in the aggregate competition, Sergeant Stobie and Private Clanahan being first in the Sergeants' competition and Class "A" respectively. Sergeant Stobie accordingly has the honour of having his name inscribed on the Gilchrist Cup.

The inter-company team match was worked on the nomination principle, *i.e.*, from the total entrants in each company a team had to be nominated prior to the commencement of the competition. This worked out splendidly, the only company to suffer being the detachment company who had only a dozen or so to pick from.

The Highland Society's Prize was open to the ten best of Class "A," and Private Clanahan kept up his reputation by securing it.

The shooting on the whole was excellent, and the meeting thoroughly enjoyed by all the competitors—the pool target being in itself a constant source of amusement and sometimes profit. To the Committee at the head of whom were Captain McCandlish and Sergeant-Major Ditcham the thanks of all are due for the amount of trouble taken to prove the meeting what it undoubtedly was—a thorough success.

The following is a list of the prize-winners with their scores:—

Match I—Class "A" 200 Yards.

					Prize Rs.
1	Private	Drain,	"A" Company	...	10
2	,,	Paul,	"G" ,,	...	8
3	,,	Bell,	"C" ,,	...	5
4	Corporal	McKenzie,	"A" ,,	...	5
5	Lce.-Cpl.	Yeo,	Band ,,	...	5
6	Private	Polson,	"H" ,,	...	5
7	,,	Hay,	"H" ,,	...	4
8	Patterson,		"H" ,,	...	4
9	Private	Bruce,	"F" ,,	..	4
10	Lce.-Cpl.	McKinnon,	"G" ,,	...	4
11	Private	Thomson,	"F" ,,	...	3
12	,,	Grant,	"H" ,,	...	3

Match I—Class "B" 200 Yards.

1	Private	Riddell,	"F" Company	...	10
2	,,	Lothian,	"B" ,,	...	8
3	,,	Wallace,	"A" ,,	...	5
4	,,	McLean,	"D" ,,	...	5
5	,,	Carr,	"H" ,,	...	5
6	,,	Baxter,	"F" ,,	...	5
7	,,	Maxwell,	"D" ,,	..	4
8	,,	Walker,	"A" ,,	...	4
9	,,	McKenna,	"G" ,,	..	4
10	Lce.-Cpl.	Quinn,	Band ,,	...	4
11	Private	Adam,	"G" ,,	...	3
12	,,	Quinn,	"H" ,,	...	3

Match I—Class "C" 200 Yards.

1	Private	MacDougall,	"B" Company	...	10
2	,,	Wilson,	"F" ,,	...	8
3	,,	McLaren,	"F" ,,	...	5
4	,,	McDonald,	"H" ,,	...	4
5	,,	Clink,	"B" ,,	...	4
6	Boy	Caldwell,	"F" ,,	...	3
7	Private	Muir,	"D" ,,	...	3

Match II—Class "A" 500 Yards.

1	Lce.-Cpl.	Downs,	"C" Company	...	10
2	Private	Donaldson,	— ,,	...	8
3	,,	Drain,	"A" ,,	...	5
4	,,	Turnbull,	"H" ,,	...	5
5	Lce.-Cpl.	McKinnon,	"G" ,,		5
6	Private	Robertson,	"A" ,,	...	5
7	,,	McGill,	"A" ,,	...	4
8	Corporal	Gray,	"D" ,,	...	4
9	Lce.-Corpl.	Armour,	"A" ,,	...	4
10	Private	Bell,	"C" ,,	...	4
11	,,	McLachlan,	"D" ,,	...	3
12	Corporal	Blake,	"H" ,,	...	3

Match II—Class "B" 500 Yards.

1	Private	Nelson,	"F" Company	...	10
2	Lance-Corporal	Peacock,	"H" Company	...	8
3	Private	Davidson,	"C" ,,	...	5
4	,,	Simpson,	"H" ,,	...	5
5	Corporal	Brownlie,	"G" ,,	...	5
6	Private	Gardner,	"C" ,,	...	5
7	,,	Ballantyne,	"B" ,,	...	4
8	Lance-Corporal	Quinn,	"H" ,,	...	4
9	Private	Grant,	"H" ,,	...	4
10	,,	McCaskill,	"C" ,,	...	4
11	,,	Wilson,	"H" ,,	...	3
12	,,	McIvor,	"F" ,,	...	3

Match II—Class "C" 500 Yards.

1	Private	Finlay,	"C" Company	...	10
2	,,	Wilson,	"F" ,,	...	8
3	,,	Hall,	"H" ,,	...	5
4	,,	Clink,	"B" ,,	...	4
5	,,	Morrison,	"H" ,,	...	4
6	Bandsman	Blythe,	"E" ,,	...	3
7	Boy	Caldwell,	"F" ,,	...	3

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Match III.—Class "A" 600 Yards.

			Prize Rs.
1	Private Drain,	"A" Company ...	10
2	Lance Corporal Harkness,	"E" Company ...	8
3	Corporal Mathieson,	"F" ,, ...	5
4	Lance-Corporal McPherson,	"H" ,, ...	5
5	Private Green,	"E" ,, ...	5
6	,, Scott,	"B" ,, ...	5
7	,, Clanahan,	"A" ,, ...	4
8	Corporal Ellis,	"C" ,, ...	4
9	Private Baird,	"F" ,, ...	4
10	,, Morrison,	"B" ,, ...	4
11	Corporal McLuckie,	"H" ,, ...	3
12	Private Hay,	"A" ,, ...	3

Class "B."

1	Private Edwards,	"F" Company	... 10
2	,, Nelson,	— ,,	... 8
3	,, Scott,	"G" ,,	... 5
4	,, Clark,	"A" ,,	... 5
5	,, Gardner,	"C" ,,	... 5
6	,, Hutcheson,	"F" ,,	... 5
7	,, Henderson,	"H" ,,	... 5
8	,, Lowe,	"C" ,,	... 4
9	Lce.-Cpl. Hilton,	"D" ,,	... 4
10	Private Lothian,	"B" ,,	... 4
11	Corporal Brownlie,	"G" ,,	... 3
12	Private Watson,	"D" ,,	... 3

Class "C."

1	Private	Faichney,	"F" Company	... 10
2	,,	Dunne,	"F" ,,	... 8
3	,,	Kerr,	"B" ,,	... 5
4	,,	Wilson,	"F" ,,	... 4
5	,,	Scobie,	"G" ,,	... 4
6	,,	Finlay,	"C" ,,	... 3
7	,,	Muir,	"D" ,,	... 3

MATCH IV.

Aggregate of Matches I, II and III.

Class "A."

			Score 200	500	600	Total.	Prize Rs.
1	Pte. Drain,	"A" Coy. ...	31	34	29	94	10
2	,, Bell,	"C" ,, ...	32	29	25	86	8
3	,, Polson,	"H" ,, ..	31	30	22	83	5
4	,, Clanahan,	"A" ,, ..	27	28	27	82	5
5	L.-Cpl. Yeo,	"C" ,, ...	31	24	25	80	5
6	Cpl. Blake,	"H" ,, ..	27	28	24	79	5
7	Pte. Cameron,	"G" ,, ..	29	28	22	79	4
8	,, Hay,	"H" ,, ...	30	28	21	79	4
9	Cpl. Gray,	"D" ,, ...	29	29	20	78	4
10	Pte. Morrison,	"B" ,, ..	28	23	26	77	4
11	Dr. Aitchison,	"B" ,, ...	27	28	22	77	3
12	Pte. Kirkland,	"G" ,, ...	28	27	21	76	3

Class "B."

1	Pte. Nelson,	"F" Coy. ...	20	31	25	76	10
2	,, Gardner,	"C" ,, ...	24	28	24	76	8
3	,, Edward,	"F" ,, ...	24	25	27	76	5
4	,, Lothian,	"B" ,, ...	27	22	23	72	5
5	L.-Cpl. Quin,	"H" ,, ...	25	28	19	72	5
6	Corpl. Brownlie,	"G" ,, ...	20	28	23	71	5
7	L.-Cpl. Peacock,	"H" ,, ...	21	29	21	71	4
8	Pte. McCrank,	"F" ,, ...	24	22	22	68	4
9	,, Scott,	"G" ,, ...	18	24	25	67	4
10	L.-Cpl. Hilton,	"D" ,, ..	23	21	23	67	4
11	Pte. Clark,	"A" ,, ...	18	24	24	66	3
12	,, Watson,	"D" ,, ...	22	22	22	66	3

Class "C."

			Score 200	500	600	Total	Prize Rs.
1	Pte. Wilson,	"F" Coy. ...	28	28	21	77	10
2	,, Finlay,	"C" ,, ...	21	29	20	70	8
3	,, Dunne	"F" ,, ..	23	21	23	67	5
4	,, Clink,	"B" ,, ...	25	24	18	67	4
5	,, Hall,	"H" ,, ...	19	27	18	64	4
6	,, Faichney,	"F" ,, ..	15	21	24	60	3
7	,, Trusswell,	"A" ,, ...	24	19	17	60	3

MATCH V.

Inter-Company Teams.

1st "A" Company Team.

	Score 200	500	600	Total.
Private Drain ...	34	31	29	94
Sergeant Stobie ..	34	30	27	91
Lce.-Corpl. Armour ...	22	29	21	72
Private Wilson ...	26	20	24	70
,, Brown ...	22	27	21	70
,, McGill ...	26	29	15	70
,, Campbell ...	22	26	20	68
,, Durick ...	21	24	21	66

601 = 75 average

2nd "H" Company.

Cr.-Sergt. Ewan ..	24	30	29	83
Private Polson ...	31	30	22	83
Corporal Blake ...	27	28	24	79
Lce.-Corpl. McPherson	28	20	77	75
,, Stirling	25	25	25	75
,, Lawrie ...	27	25	14	66
Private Sibbald ...	23	27	11	61
,, Melville ...	24	16	17	57

579 = 72 average

3rd "C" Company	...	548 points.
4th "F" ,,	...	535 ,,
5th "D" ,,	...	525 ,,
6th "E" ,,	...	515 ,,
7th "G" ,,	...	510 ,,
8th "B" ,,	...	504 ,,

MATCH VI.

Falling Plate Competition (Teams of 4 R. & F).

1st "D" Company's 1st Team		... Rs.	20
2nd "A" ,, ,,	,,	... ,,	15
3rd "H" ,, 2nd	,,	... ,,	10
4th "E" ,, 1st	,,	... ,,	8

MATCH VII.

Moving Target 200 yards

			Hits.	Rs.
1	Private Thomson,	"F" Coy. ...	5	9
2	Corporal Blake,	"H" ,, ...	5	9
3	Sergeant McQueen,	"F" ,, ...	4	5
4	Private Bell,	"C" ,, ...	4	5
5	,, Marshall,	"D" ,, ...	4	5

MATCH VIII.

Boys' Competition, 200 yards.

1	Boy Caldwell,	"F" Coy. ...	27	6
2	,, Will,	"H" ,, ...	26	5
3	,, Lawrie,	"H" ,, ...	21	4
4	,, Campbell,	"H" ,, ...	20	3
5	,, Thorburn,	"G" ,, ...	17	2

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MATCH IX.

(*a*). *Best Shot of Sergeants.*

	Regulation Badge and Rs. 10	SCORE. 500	600	200	Total.
1st	Lce.-Sgt. McKinlay, "C" Coy	23	16	15	54
2nd	Sergt. McQueen, "F" ,,	20	21	12	53

(*b*). *Best Shot of Corporals and Privates.*

Regulation Badge and Rs. 10.

1st	Private Clanahan, "A" Company	24	13	12	49
2nd	L.-Cpl. Clarkson, "E" ,,	21	14	6	41

MATCH X.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S PRIZE

Private Clanahan, "A" Company, Rs. 30.

MATCH XI.

SERGEANTS' COMPETITION.

		Rs.
Match I, 200 yards.		
1	Sergeat Stobie	10
2	,, Sim	8
3	Sergeant-Major Ditcham	5
4	Colour-Sergeant Ogg	5
5	,, Arnott	5
Match II, 500 yards.		
1	Sergeant McQueen	10
2	Sergeant-Major Ditcham	8
3	Sergeant Stobie	5
4	Lance-Sergeant McKinlay	5
5	Colour-Sergeant Ewan	5
Match III, 600 yards.		
1	Colour-Sergeant Ogg	10
2	,, Ewan	8
3	Sergeant Sim	5
4	,, Stobie	5
5	,, Mahoney	5

MATCHES I, II AND III.

Sergeants' Aggregate	SCORE. 200	500	600	Total.	PRIZE Rs.
1 Sergeant Stobie ...	34	30	27	91	10
2 Colour-Sergeant Ogg ...	30	29	31	90	8
3 Sergeant Sim ...	23	29	27	89	5
4 Colour-Sergeant Ewan ...	24	30	29	83	5
5 Sergeant McQueen ...	28	31	24	83	5

Pool, 1st day, 200 yards.

B. M. Walsh ...	...	Rs. 8
O. R. S. Macdonald ...	...	,, 8

Pool, 1st day, 500 yards.

Pte. Wilson,	"A" Company	Rs. 12.
,, Clarke,	"A" ,,	
L.-C. Carlyle,	"C" ,,	
,, Laird,	"B" ,,	
Pte. Drain,	"A" ,,	
,, Caskie,	"H" ,,	
,, Turnbull,	"H" ,,	

Pool, 2nd day, 500 yards.

Pte. Darwood,	"C" Company	5-11-0
Cpl. Halliday,	"F" ,,	
Pte. Hall,	"H" ,,	
,, Hay,	"H" ,,	
,, McDonald,	"F" ,,	
,, Benson,	"G" ,,	
L.-C. Mulholland,	"G" ,,	
Pte Rice,	"G" ,,	
Sgt. Balfour,	"B" ,,	
Pte. Chidley,	"D" ,,	
,, Campbell,	"A" ,,	11-7-0
,, Greig,	"E" ,,	

The Army Rifle Association.

The Rules and Programme for 1906 have just been received in India and afford an interesting study of the facts and figures of the sporting side of Musketry.

Foremost comes the result of the Queen Victoria's Cup abroad, which has been won by the 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Quetta with an average of 93·87, and out of 95 regiments entering we find the Ninety Third figuring 44th in the list with an average of 85·5. In the competition 13 teams fired with the Short Lee-Enfield Rifle, and the thirteen prize-winning teams used the Lee-Enfield rifle. At Home the 3rd Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment have won the cup for the third year in succession

Next in importance to us comes the Inter-Company match abroad. This has been won by "D" Company 1st King's Royal Rifles at Cairo with the scores of 63 at 600 yards, 90 at 500 yards, Total 153, the number of rounds fired being 278. Of our own company teams, they take place as follows :—

ORDER.	SCORE. 600	500	TOTAL.	RDS. FIRED.
108 "A" Company	40	58	98	157
145 "C" ,,	43	48	91	169
202 "G" ,,	27	52	79	153
231 "F" ,,	34	33	67	148
238 "B" ,,	37	29	66	152
240 "H" ,,	27	39	66	135
247 "D" ,,	35	28	63	132
276 "E" ,,	20	19	39	131

A very noticeable point is that the number of rounds fired by our companies is, on an average, considerably less than other battalions, one battalion in fact having fired no less than 297 rounds in the two minutes allotted, representing over 18 rounds per man per minute. The Musketry instructions lays down 15 rounds per minute as the highest rate consistent with reasonable accuracy, so that in theory our teams should have occupied better places than they did.

In the notes we find the new target for 200 yards described as a bull's eye of 5 inches diameter invisible central in a black disc of 12 inches diameter, the inner is the reminder of the black disc, magpie of 24 inches diameter, while the outer is the remainder of a target 4 feet square. The targets for 500 and 600 yards remain unaltered.

The gold, silver and bronze jewels for the Army in India will be given to the three best aggregates of 600, 800, 900 and 1000 yards made at the recognised Indian Meetings.

It is with regret that we notice the absence of the Ninety First from the list of battalions belonging to the Association.

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As the time for sending in registers is the 15th of January, we think it advisable that the match for 1906 should be fired off as soon as possible, and profiting by our experience in Poona advantage might be taken of the two days allowed to complete the firing.

Regimental Annual Return.

The following figures taken from the Annual Musketry Return prove the course prescribed by the Musketry Regulations of 1905 to be a much more difficult one than in former years. Two Companies, "F" and "G," fired the 1902 course as amended by Army Order 33 of 1905, while the other six companies (including Casuals of "F" and "G") fired the new course. It will be seen that of the new course, "A" Company are the best shooting company, with "E" Company (last year's winners) a good second, while "F" Company are the best of the two companies exercised in the old course. In order to decide the ownership of the Shield for 1905-06 it has been arranged to fire a match between "A" and "F" Companies, the result of which will appear in our next issue.

1905 Course.—

COY.	MARKSMEN.	1ST CLASS.	2ND CLASS.	3RD CLASS.	COY. AVERAGE.
"A"	18	41	59	6	170
"E"	10	45	56	12	168
"D"	13	29	66	10	167
"C"	7	45	53	14	167
"H"	8	33	46	14	164
"B"	10	37	39	31	159
1902 Course.—					
"F"	20	46	34	7	311
"G"	18	30	38	14	297
Casuals of "F" and "G" firing 1905 course.—					
"F"	4	7	6	2	170
"G"	1	6	15	2	161

Obituary.

The death took place on 16th April at 14 Castle Street, Aberdeen, of Colin Slorach, a Crimean veteran, aged 84 years. Deceased was a native of Boharm, and joined the 93rd Highlanders at Elgin. He went through the Crimean campaign, having taken part in the engagements at Sebastopol, Inkermann, and Alma. At the conclusion of that campaign, Slorach transferred his services to the 21st Regiment (the Royal Scots Fusiliers), in which he has been a sergeant. Having completed 21 years in the army, Slorach returned to Aberdeen, and for fully 40 years he has been an army pensioner. Deceased had been one of the members of the guard of honour on the occasion of the landing of the late Queen Victoria in Aberdeen in 1848. Since his retiral from the army he had been for a short time a member of a City Police Force, a recruiting sergeant in Aberdeen and other places in the north, and for about 12 years he acted as superintendent of Soup Kitchen in Loch Street. Deceased, who was of a quiet and retiring disposition, was much liked and highly respected by all who knew him.

The past few months having been particularly fatal to the now few survivors of the Thin Red Line, it is with sincere regret we learn of the death of Corporal John Macdonald of Inverness, at the age of 76 years. Deceased, who was well known as caretaker of the Volunteer ranges in Inverness for the past thirty years, was the subject of an interview with our representative last summer, and from the following record of his service it will be seen that the deceased veteran was well worthy of the respect which was accorded him by all with whom he came in contact.

Enlisted at Inverness, December 1849, for the Sutherland Highlanders, joining the Regiment at Stirling Castle. Served throughout the Crimean and Indian Mutiny Campaigns, and belonged to No. 6 Company commanded by Captain Ewart at Balaklava, of which memorable battle he is a veteran. He possesses the Crimean and Turkish medals with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol; the Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow; and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Was slightly wounded at the battle of Cawnpore, receiving a sabre cut which did not however incapacitate him from duty. After serving with the 93rd for eleven years the gallant old veteran lost taste of Indian soldiering and left the Regiment, then on the march from Sabbathu to Rawal Pindi, at Mooltan, to proceed home for discharge. Arriving home Macdonald changed his mind about soldiering, after experiencing civilian life for about three months, and joined the 78th Highlanders, then commanded by his old chief, Sir John Ewart, and was immediately promoted Corporal and appointed Librarian, which rank and appointment he held until his discharge, which event took place at Nova Scotia in 1870, on completion of twenty-one years service. Mr. Macdonald has for many years been in charge of the range of the Local Volunteers, work in which he particularly delights, being himself a noted shot in his soldiering days. The hardy old veteran is a native of Inverness-shire, and was in his 76th year. He tells a story of the difficulty experienced in pre-Crimean days, when there were more Highlanders in the ranks than there are now, in identifying men of the same name. In his company, No. 6, there were no less than seven John Macdonalds, each being distinguished by the numerals from one up to seven, his own prefix being John the second.

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The Regimental Boxing Tournament.

Originally intended to last for three nights, the number of entries was so great that a fourth night had to be allowed, and it can safely be said that on no occasion did the fighting give other than keen satisfaction to the many spectators.

For several days beforehand the pioneers, under the superintendence of our Sergeant-Major, were hard at work constructing the stage, and when the walls had been finally erected and the excellent installation of "Kitson" lighting completed, the arena, which was on the hockey ground, left nothing to be desired. From all parts of the enclosure the fighting could be easily followed, and the often vexed question of the height of the stage seemed to have been met in an admirable manner.

Wednesday 4th April was the opening night, the programme for the evening consisting of the first round of the Bantam weights; first round of the Light weights, and the first round of the Heavy weights, with a six-round contest between Private Sullivan of the East Lancashires and Private Lamie, of "A" Company, for a prize of Rs. 100, with Rs. 30 to the loser.

The fights in the championships, of which a short account follows, were full of excitement, and though "science" was in many cases "conspicuous by its absence" the eagerness and hard hitting of the contestants more than compensated for it. The fights were all honest straightforward matches, and the winners, in nearly all cases, had to stand a fair share of the punishment going.

The second night had the second round of the Bantam and Heavy weight classes, the first round of the Middle weights, and a contest of six rounds between Lance-Corporal Mulholland, "G" Company, and Private McManus of the Connaught Rangers.

The interest in the fights was even keener than on the first night, the programme being augmented by the addition of two extra fights in the Light weights, second round.

The third night, Friday, had an unusually attractive programme, Bantams, third round, Light weights, final, Middle weights, second round, and three six-round contests, *viz.*, Private Bridges *versus* Private Watson; Gunner Lyons, R.F.A., *versus* Private Kennedy, 93rd; and Private Wadham, East Lancashires *versus* Private Smith, 93rd. A three-round contest between Boy Prentice and Boy Steadman was also fought.

The concluding night, Saturday, found the enclosure filled to its holding capacity, and in addition to all the officers of the Poona Garrison, Major-General Richardson, Commanding the 6th Division, with his staff were also present. The fights were many and numerous and the usual excellent order was maintained, the only exception being the decision in the fight between Private Reilly of the 93rd and Lance-Corporal Langthorne of the East Lancashires. To most of us present, though the fight was pretty well balanced, Reilly seemed to have completely mastered his opponent in the last round, and only the call of time saved the visitor from being disposed of. The judge's decision that Reilly had lost—on points—came therefore as a surprise and though the decision was adverse to us, we believe it was honestly and fairly given, as after all the judges are the most capable persons of deciding a fight. It was some consolation however to know that Reilly was awarded not only the cup for the most scientific fighter among those who fought in the contests, but the silver medal for the best fighter in the regiment.

On the conclusion of the programme Major-General Richardson, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson, ascended to the stage and presented the prizes, the money value of which amounted to the handsome sum of close on Rs. 1,400, probably constituting a record for any Regimental tournament in India. The presentation over, our Commanding Officer called for an appreciation of General Richardson's kindness, and this was heartily given, the frequent presence of our G.O.C. at the different regimental gatherings being very much esteemed by all ranks of the Ninety Third.

Lieutenant-Colonel Grantham of the Thirty-third Queen's Own Cavalry, assisted by Captain Umfreville and Q.M.S. Chinnery of the Gymnastic Staff judged the different fights, and one could not wish for greater impartiality. The whole of the arrangements of the meeting went off very smoothly, the fighting being always according to the programme issued. The attendance each evening must have been gratifying to the organisers of the meeting, Captain McCandlish and Sergeant-Major Ditcham and Colour-Sergeant Clarke, who deserve every credit for giving to the battalion four nights' excellent sport.

The following is a short account of the different fights and contests, with their winners and prizes.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Bantam Weight—First Round.

Private Glennie—A bye.

Private Stirling v. *Private Robertson.* First round opened with pretty mixed fighting, but on separating it was seen that Robertson was most marked. Stirling continued to press, and shortly after the start of the second round Robertson retired.

Private Davie v. *Private Fleming.* Davie carried considerable confidence with him, possibly on account of his previous experience, but though

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the fight lasted the full three rounds, it was soon evident that Fleming was superior to the *ex* boy. In the last round Davie was handicapped through bleeding, and fought weaker. Fleming pushed the fight and received the decision in his favour.

Private Kiddie v. Private Nicolson. Proved a good hard hitting, slogging contest and right through to the second round hard knocks were the order, the advantage lying with Nicolson. In the final round both fought weakly, the decision in favour of Nicolson being on points.

Private Planner v. *Private Morrison.* Although the piper had the advantage in height and reach he seemed to lack the solidity of his opponent, and though slightly inferior he kept up well till the last round, when he was fairly beaten, Morrison easily securing the verdict.

Bandsman Christie v. Private Shannon. This was Shannon's fight from the start, Christie only getting an occasional body blow in. Half of the second round had only gone when Christie went groggy and on being floored failed to respond to the call.

Private Algar v. *Henderson.* "Algie" led off but was well countered, and soon finding he was getting the worst of it gave up the fight after a round and a half had been fought.

Private Lynch v. *Private McVicar.* Opened very rough and tumble, and it was soon noticed that the "spike" was losing his life's blood from his nostrils, otherwise his nose was bleeding; but both men fought on and it took the three rounds to "spike" McVicar, Lynch being well worthy of the verdict.

LIGHT WEIGHTS—FIRST ROUND.

Private McGregor—A bye.
Private McLean—A bye.

Private Watson v. *Private Donald.* Watson opened the pace, Donald proving the more cautious of the two. This told quickly, Watson hitting weakly, and Donald had him on the rope several times. The last round was all Donald's, and though bleeding freely the loser gamely fought on till the call of time gave Donald the verdict.

Private Scott v. *Drummer Harris.* Was of short duration, Scott on being floored in the first round was counted out.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.—FIRST ROUND.

Private McIntosh. A bye.
Private Heenan. A bye.

Private Phillips v. *Private Caskie.* Caskie early proved himself the favourite, and getting in some powerful hits knocked his man down. Phillips tried hard to continue but was unable to do so.

Private Bell v. *Private Laird.* Laird appeared the heaviest of the two, and from the start both went at it hammer and tongs. Bell fought gamely up to his opponent and at the end of the second round both stood even. In the last round Laird slogged for all he was worth and both were fairly done. "Jimock's" style of two-handed fighting often punished his opponent and an evenly fought fight ended with the judges decision in favour of Laird.

BANTAM WEIGHTS—SECOND ROUND.

Private Glennie v. *Private Stirling.* Glennie, though the freshest of the two, failed to last the three rounds, Stirling fighting all over him and after two and a half rounds Glennie retired.

Private Fleming v. *Private Nicolson.* One of the gamest fights of the meeting. Both displayed a fair amount of science and clean hitting was a feature of the contest. It lasted the three rounds, and though latterly Fleming tried hard to get his man on the ropes, Nicolson appeared to have more power behind his blows and consequently won the fight.

Private Morrison v. *Private Shannon.* Shannon made the fight without delay and kept his man on the move. Both hit hard, and Shannon with a good blow knocked his man over just at the end of the first round. Second round shewed evidence of weakness with both men, and the bout ended in a fizzling style. The third round found both tired out, the attempted slogging having no power, and at the end of the round Shannon managed to knock Morrison down, and the latter failed to rise in time. Pronounced a plucky battle all through.

LIGHT WEIGHTS—SECOND ROUND.

Private McGregor v. *Private Donald.* Both displayed considerable footwork, and in the first round McGregor chased Donald round the stage. Caution seemed to be the order, neither giving much until the third round, when from a mix up Donald received a knock-out blow.

Drummer Harris v. *Private McLeod.* Turned out to be an excellent fight, evenly matched. The third round found the judges unable to give a verdict, so an extra round was fought, and in the end McLeod received the decision in his favour.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS—FIRST ROUND.

Private Paton v. *Private Lamb.* Opened with hard hitting by both contestants, Paton fighting fairly low down. Then all through the match was even, one getting as much as the other. A fourth round had to be fought before Paton was adjudged winner.

Private Ritchie v. *Private McKay.* The latter showed the best knowledge of fighting, guarding himself well. Both hit hard and clean, and the punishing effect was soon noticeable, and by the end of the fight both were very shaky. Judges' decision went to McKay.

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Corporal Brownlie v. *Private Reid.* Both mixed it at once, and Reid getting in a heavy blow Brownlie went to the boards with considerable force, and was counted out.

HEAVY WEIGHTS—SECOND ROUND.

Private McIntosh v. *Private Caskie.* Was soon observed to be Caskie's fight, and in the second round McIntosh, after going down three times, was ordered to retire in favour of Caskie.

Private Heenan v. Private Laird. Owing to the illness of Private Heenan, Laird received a bye.

BANTAM WEIGHTS—THIRD ROUND.

Private Stirling v. *Private Nicolson.* A well, fought game, contest ended in the verdict going to Stirling. Nicolson fought hard but on points proved the loser.

Private Shannon v. *Private Henderson.* Opened very mildly, each being anxious to draw the other on. After a bit it became more mixed with punishing body blows, and in the end Henderson was fully value for his place in the final.

HEIGHT WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Private McGregor v. Private McLeod. Occasioned considerable interest, both having fought well before. McLeod was the smartest with his fists, and this told in the long run, a good fight ending in his favour.

MIDDLE WEIGHT—SECOND ROUND.

Private Paton v. *Corporal Brownlie.* Though not a proper fight, Corporal Brownlie seemed anxious to make up for his appearance on the previous evening, but he was no match for Paton, who with longer reach and heavier hitting soon disposed of his opponent.

Private Reid v. *Private McKay.* Showed very little boxing, but plenty rough hitting. Reid seemed determined to finish it early, and McKay, try as he may, could not keep up to the heavy blows—so Reid won the fight.

FINAL.

Private Paton v. *Private Reid.* A rather curious mixed up bout, hit as you please and as hard as you can—both got well marked, but Paton proved the better man ultimately, the decision in his favour being popularly received.

BANTAM WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Private Stirling v. *Private Henderson.* The latter made the fight all through the first round, trying hard to corner his man, but Stirling cleverly eluded him. Second round opened like first, too much leg work being noticed. The third round found both on the aggresive and evenly fighting, so much so that it took the fourth round to decide the fight in favour of Henderson.

HEAVY WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Private Caskie v. *Private Laird.* Both went at it tooth and nail from the start, Laird's weight being matched by Caskie's agility. The second round found Laird in difficulties, and Caskie pushing his advantage won the fight after three hard-fought rounds.

THE CONTESTS.

Private Sullivan, East Lancs. v. *Private Lamie, 93rd.*

Both men appeared to be well matched, though naturally enough Lamie was the favourite. From the start off it was evident the match was to be a thorough fight, and up to the commencement of the fifth round both were nearly equal though a bit tired. The fifth round however found our man going slack, and his opponent forcing the fight managed to get him on the boards, when he was counted out.

Private McManus, Connaught Rangers v. *Lance-Corporal Mulholland, 93rd.*

This ten-round contest was looked forward to as one of the best of the meeting, both men being well known. Mulholland opened the fighting and forced matters for a little, when he was checked for throwing his opponent. Next round was more even, both fighters exercising more caution. In the third round Mulholland again forced matters, and the call of time only saved McManus. The fourth round found a change, the Connaught man getting the best of the openings and Mulholland went down. He arose, however, but was seen to be a bit damaged, and a few seconds later, to the surprise of all, went down again and failed to respond to the call.

Private Bridges v. *Private Watson.*

Bridges appeared the likeliest looking of the two, but it was Watson who forced the fighting at first. Bridges took it all well, however, and ultimately secured the verdict after an interesting fight.

Gunner Lyons, R.F.A. v. *Pte. Kennedy, 93rd Highrs.*

Opened with a good deal of sparring, the gunner getting into one or two good blows, and countering well. Became even after a bit, but on both men getting tired, Lyons had the best of it and finally gained the decision in his favour.

Private Foster v. *Private Fleming.*

A six-round contest which really needed all the time allowed to decide who was the best man. Fleming secured the verdict, but Foster fought well, and at the finish there was little difference between the opponents.

Lce.-Cpl. Longthorne, East Lancs. v. *Pte. Reilly, 93rd.*

First round found Reilly fighting clean and securing a good few hits at his opponent's face, while defending himself well. Next round our man

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forced the fight and punished his man severely, and it was agreed he had the best of this round. Third —principally finesse, with a lot of running about leaving both equal. Fourth round saw plenty of fighting; Reilly pursuing his man and getting home his attack, had clearly the advantage at the end. Fifth—A fairly even round, both getting severe face blows which left them a bit groggy. Sixth round—Reilly again adopted pursuing tactics, but Langthorne stood up to him and managed to get a few good face blows on Reilly. Seventh—Reilly appeared to be forcing matters to end the fight, but Langthorne was the coolest of the two. Both were now pretty well tired out, the Englishman, if anything, the best of this round. Eighth round found both very much done up—no fighting of note taking place. Ninth round—Reilly now tried to end the fight but his blows lacked weight, his hitting for his opponent's face being easily defended. Tenth and last round found Reilly making a game attempt to get his man down, forcing him on to the ropes again and again, and only the call of time saved Langthorne from being knocked out. Clearly Reilly's fight, but to the surprise of all Langthorne received the verdict on points, a decision which was received with marked disfavour.

Sergeant Donagh, East Lancs. v. Pte. Bell, 93rd.

Bell created a bad impression at the start by his "speech play," and when only a few seconds had gone and he knocked his man clean out, the general opinion was that he had robbed a good victory of it's glory.

RESULTS WITH PRIZE WINNERS.

			Coy
Bantams	...1st Prize	...Pte. Henderson,	"H"
	...2nd ,,	... ,, Stirling,	"C"
	Best Loser	... ,, Morrison,	"G"
Light Weight	...1st Prize	...Pte. McLeod,	"E"
	..2nd ,,	... ,, McGregor,	"B"
	Best Loser	...Dr. Harris,	"G"
Middle Weight	.. 1st Prize	...Pte. Paton,	"B"
	...2nd ,,	... ,, Reid,	"D"
	Best Loser,	... ,, Reid,	"D"
Heavy Weight	...1st Prize	... ,, Caskie,	"H"
	...2nd ,,	.. ,, Laird,	"E"
	Best Loser	... ,, McIntosh,	"D"
6 Round Contest	...Winner	... ,, Sullivan, E. Lancs.	
	Loser	... ,, Lamie, 93rd.	
10 Round Contest	...Winner	... ,, McManus, C. R.	
	Loser	...L-C. Mulholland, 93rd.	
3 Round Contest—Boys	...Winner..	Boy Steadman, "E"	Coy.
	Loser	..Boy Prentice, "F"	Coy.
6 Round Contest	..Winner	...Pte. Bridges, "E"	,,
	..Loser	... ,, Watson, "D"	,,
6 Round Contest	..Winner	...Gr. Lyons, R F.A.	
	...Loser	.. Pte. Kennedy, 93rd.	
6 Round Contest	..Winner	... ,, Wadhan, E. L.	
	...Loser	... ,, Smith,	
3 Round Contest—Boys	...Winner	..Boy Campbell,	Coy. "H"
	...Loser	...Boy Corbett,	"H"
3 Round Contest	...Winner	...Pte. McLeod,	"E"
6 Round Contest	...Winner	... ,, Fleming,	"H"
10 Round Contest	...Winner	...L.-C. Langthorne, E. L.	
	Loser	...Pte. Reilly, 93rd	
6 Round Contest	...Winner	... ,, Bell, 93rd	
	Loser	...Sgt. Donagh, E. Les.	

SILVER CUP.—*To the most scientific boxer in the novices classes, won by* Pte. Shannon, "F" Coy.

SILVER CUP.—*To the most scientific boxer among men in the Regiment who fought in Contests, won by* Private Reilly.

MEDAL.—*To the best fighter in the Regiment, won by* Private Reilly.

Polo.

For the Mahableshwar Polo Tournament played during the beginning of May for a cup presented by H. H. The Aga Khan, the following teams entered:—

10th Hussars.
Poona Horse.
29th Lancers.
33rd Q. O. L. C.
Government House, and (The Poona Wanderers consisting) of :—

(1) Lord George Dundas, 93rd.
(2) Mr. J. Kennedy, 93rd.
(3) Major Leslie, Sappers and Miners.
Back. Mr. Falconar-Stewart, 93rd.

In the 1st round the Poona Horse drew the Poona Wanderers. A few day previously Mr. Kennedy had a bad fall in a practice game, his pony putting his foot in a hole: as a result Mr. Kennedy was laid up for two days with an injured head. He had also sprained his right wrist badly in the racquet court at Poona. This was very evident in the game as owing to it he could hardly hit the ball at all.

In the game we were leading at the end of the fourth chukker, when the Poona Horse equalised and at the last moment got a subsidiary ahead.

In the 5th and last chukker there was only 1 min. 40 seconds to play, and the Poona Horse hit a goal, which decided the match.

In the same round the 10th Hussars easily defeated the 33rd Cavalry, and the 29th Lancers and Government House were byes.

In the 2nd round the Poona Horse easily defeated the 29th Lancers, and the 10th Hussars beat the Government House by 5 goals to 3 after an exciting game.

In the final our old opponents the Poona Horse met the 10th Hussars, and ran out winners after an exciting game by 3 goals and 2 subs. to 3 goals and 1 sub., thus winning the cup.

In the races which took place afterwards, Lord G. Dundas had bad luck in securing no less than 3 seconds, while Mr. Falconar Stewart got 2 thirds.

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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

Since the notes appeared in the February number of the *Thin Red Line*, the only item of interest which occurred in the Mess was the competition for the Billiard Challenge Cup presented to the Sergeants' Mess by Staff Sergeant T. Wylie. The writer very much regrets his inability to give the scores in detail as through some unaccountable reason they went amissing, and while some of the players had forgotten their scores a few said they had no wish to remember them. However the tournament proved a good one and shewed some excellent play. Sergeant Inglis and Band-Sergeant Peggie fought their way into the final, and owing to Sergeant Inglis proceeding home on furlough, Sergeant Peggie was awarded the cup. The names inscribed thereon are now as follows: —

1905—Cr.-Sergeant F. W. Clarke.
1906—Band-Sergeant A. Peggie.

The new members of the Mess are Pioneer-Sergeant Bell from the 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment, Sergeant Walker from the Ninety-First, and Lance-Sergeant Galbraith, who has been appointed Paymaster's Sergeant *vice* Colour-Sergeant Wallace.

Owing to the continued ill-health of Mrs. Newell, Sergeant G. Newell proceeded to join the Home establishment, and with them they carry the wishes of the members of the Mess for better health at home. Sergeant McLachlan has left us to join the Band of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Colour-Sergeant A. A. Wallace, "B" Company, proceeded at the end of the month to Bombay to take up duty on the Staff of the 2nd Battalion B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteers. "Paddy," as he was familiarly known, was one of the oldest members of the Mess, having joined it in 1898, and was one of the few remaining who came out with the battalion to India in 1891. Since arriving in the country, he has always been in "B" Company, serving in it from Private to Colour-Sergeant. Colour-Sergeant Wallace took a particular interest in the sport of the Ninety Third, and his care of the football team can always be looked back to with pride. He was also a familiar figure on the tennis court. To our old comrade and his respected better half we tender our best wishes for their happiness in their new sphere.

We have to congratulate our old "flag" of "D" Company, Colour-Sergeant J. Durnan, on his promotion to Quarter-Master-Sergeant on the School of Signalling Staff at Kasauli. Quarter-Master-Sergeant Durnan, it will be remembered, left us to join the Volunteer Staff and from there went to his present appointment.

Among the recent addition to the treasures of the Mess is an excellent engraving of the Presentation of the Colours to the regiment by the Duke of Wellington in 1834. To Captain McCandlish, whose interest in matters pertaining to the history of the regiment is well known, the Mess is indebted for this valuable gift.

From our comrades of the Ninety First has been received an enlargement of the most recent photograph taken of the members of their Mess.

The fortnightly dances and weekly tennis "at homes" are being well attended at present, a fact which affords some consolation for the amusement committee, and makes them feel that their labours are not in vain.

Lance-Sergeant Alder had a rather narrow escape from serious injury through the bursting of a soda-water bottle recently. While holding the bottle it burst and a fragment severed the main artery of his wrist. His gymnastic learning stood him in good stead, however, and without any assistance he partially stopped the flow of blood and bolted to the hospital, where the wound was dressed. We are glad to hear that he is on the high road towards having the use of his arm again.

Sergeants Inglis and Dougall proceeded home to Scotland on furlough, and Pipe-Major Lynch is at Quetta, we understand, for the purpose of teaching the native pipers of one the regiments stationed there.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for June 1906.

1	F.	Battalion 1,175 strong, fully armed and equipped for field service—Curragh, 1878.
2	S.	Lieut.-Genl. William Sutherland d. colonel 1862.
3	**S.**	Nos. 3, 7, and 8 Companies, under Lieut.-Col Adrian Hope, emb. Plymouth on *Belleisle*, for China, 1857. Lieutenant-General Alex. Fisher Macintosh, K.H., Colonel, 1862.
4	M.	Col. George Johnstone, Major-General, 1814, Lieutenants-General Sir Thos. Hislop, Bart., G.C.B. to 51st Foot, 1822, Lieut.-General Sir Hudson Lowe, K.C.B., Colonel 1822, Headquarters and remainder Companies under Lieut.-Col. Leith Hay, reviewed at Gosport by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Lieut.-Genl. William Sutherland, Colonel, 1860.
5	Tu.	Become holders for one year of the Beatty Challenge Shield, 1900.
6	W.	
7	Th.	
8	F.	
9	S.	Re-embarked Yenikale for Balaklava, 1855.
10	**S.**	Attack on the Political Officer's escort at Maizar, Waziristan, 1897.
11	M.	
12	Tu.	
13	W.	Sailed with 1st Division to Varna, 1854.
14	Th.	Portsmouth to Woking, 1853.

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15 F. Disembarked Plymouth from Cape, 1814; strength 52 sergeants, 22 Drummers, 944 men. Landed Varna, 1854. Aberdeen to Edinburgh Castle, 1871.
16 S. Re-embarked Crimea on H.M.S. *Sidon* for England, 1856; Head-quarters, embarked Portsmouth on S.S. *Mauritius* for China, 1857.
17 **S.** Right Wing Team win Ranikhet Football Tournament, 1901. Lieut.-General Sir George Luck, K.C.B., named new Drill Square and Recreation Ground at Ranikhet "The Sutherland Recreation Ground," 1901.
18 M. First assault on Sebastopol, 1855 (93rd in position on Woronzoff Rd.). Orders to mobilise for Tochi Expedition received, Nowshera, 1897. Gen. Sir J. A. Ewart, G.C.B., died Colonel, 1904.
19 Tu. Lieut.-Genl. Sir F. W. Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., Colonel, 1904.
20 W.
21 Th. Thermometer registered 119° in heavily shaded verandah of officers' quarters, Nowshera, 1896. Detachment from Cherat rejoined head-quarters for Tochi F.F. 1897.
22 F.
23 S.
24 **S.** Royal Review at Windsor before Her Majesty and the Shah of Persia, 1813.
25 M.
26 Tu. Inspection by General Ellis, Commanding Peshawar District, before proceeding on Field Service, 1897.
27 W. Left Nowshera in two troop trains for Khushalgarh, 1897; strength, 775. John Hasluck Campbell, Lieut.-Col., 1899. Stanley Paterson, Lieut.-Col., 1903.
28 Th. Detrained Khushalgarh, 1897, and left same evening for Edwardesabad.
29 F.
30 S.

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Corporal.

No. 8291, Lce.-Corporal G. Erskine, "F" Company, dated 13th April.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Provisional Lance-Sergeant.

No. 7438, Corporal J. W. Galbraith, "D" Coy., dated 4th April 1906.

To be Pay Sergeant of Attached Section.

No. 4983, Sergeant M. Rutherford, "H" Company.

To be Regimental Provost Sergeant.
No. 2425, Sergeant A. McInnes, "D" Company.

To be Provisional Lance-Corporals.
No. 7704, Private T. Jack, "D" Company, 6th April.
,, 6424, ,, J. Cowan, "E" ,, 10th ,,
,, 6806, ,, P. Tate, "G" ,, 25th ,,
,, 6029, ,, W. McIntyre, "H" Coy., 26th April.
,, 8067, ,, G. Shannon, "F" ,, 30th ,,

To be Piper.
No. 9835, Boy J. Hethrington, "C" Coy., 19th April.

To be Pioneers.
No. 9685, Private T. Leishman, "A" Company.
,, 9585, ,, J. Henderson, "C" ,,

To be School Assistants.
No. 4619, Lce.-Corpl. W. McKinnon, "G" Company.
,, 9199, ,, A. Maun, "A" ,,

To be Garrison Librarian.
No. 9240, Lance-Corporal C. White, "G" Company.

To be Clerk at the School of Signalling.
No. 6677, Private C. McPherson, "H" Company.

To be Local Sergeant while employed in Western Command Office.
No. 5853, Lance-Corporal J. Brown, "G" Company.

PAY OF RANK.

To be Paid Lance-Corporals.
No. 6078, Lce.-Cpl. T. Peacock, "H" Coy., 13th April.
,, 7758, ,, T. Flockhart, "B" ,, 25th ,,
,, 7138, ,, A. Cowie, "B" ,, 4th ,,

ABSORBED IN ESTABLISHMENT.

Of Sergeants.
No. 5849, Sergt. F. Walker, "D" Company, 1st April.

Of Lance-Corporals.
No. 5551, Lance-Corporal W. Montgomery, "E" Coy., 13th April.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND INCREASED.

Class I at Sevenpence.
No. 8123, Private M. Laird, "B" Company.
,, 7999, ,, T. Muirhead, "D" ,,
,, 6648, ,, J. McPhee, "D" ,,
,, 6928, ,, W. Brennan, "G" ,,

Class I at Sixpence.

"A" Company.
No. 8404, Private J. Elton | No. 8319, Private J. Bell

"C" Company.
No. 9569, Private A. McCaskill

"D" Company.
No. 6976, Private J. Phillips

"E" Company.
No. 7781, Pte. J. McCune | No. 7563, Dr. P. Riddoch

"G" Company.
No. 9541, Pte. J. Simpson | No. 9421, Pte. D. Fraser
No. 8294, Private H. Grant

"H" Company.

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,, 9692, ,, D. Gibb	,, 9685, ,, T. Leishman
,, 9683, ,, J. Blaikie	,, 9681, ,, A. McCuaig
,, 9680, ,, P. McCann	,, 9661, ,, D. Todd
,, 9635, ,, D. Forret	,, 9614, ,, J. Scott
,, 9600, ,, W. McVey	,, 9593, ,, T. Quinn
,, 9685, ,, J. Henderson	,, 9581, ,, W. Braithwaite
,, 9557, ,, A. Robertson	,, 9545, ,, J. Debourgh

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GOOD CONDUCT PAY.

Granted Twopence G.C. Pay
No. 7526, Private D. McGilp, "F" Company

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

Granted Two G. C. Badges.

No. 8123,	Private M. Laird,	"B"	Company
,, 7687,	,, A. Grady,	"D"	,,
,, 7857,	,, P. McPherson,	"E"	,,
,, 7217,	,, W. Stormonth,	"E"	,,
,, 5387,	,, R. Munro,	"G"	,,
,, 7970,	,, D. Airlie,	"H"	,,

Granted One G. C. Badge.

"F" Company.

No. 6549, Pte. P. Kavanagh	No. 9395, Pte. J. Scambler
,, 9413, ,, T. Gordon	,, 7370, ,, P. Mullen

"G" Company.

No. 9394, Pte. J. Queen	No. 9400, Piper J. Aitken
,, 9421, ,, D. Fraser	,, 9169, Pte. T. Watson

CERTIFICATES.

Granted a Cooking Certificate dated Poona 31st March.
No. 8281, Lce.-Cpl. J. Tunstall, "F" Company.

Granted a Chiropody Certificate.
No. 9105, Private J. Cameron, "G" Company.

MUSKETRY.

The following are entitled to Badges as under:—

Best Shot of Sergeants.
No. 7501, Lce.-Sergeant J. McKinlay, "C" Company

Best Shot of Corporals and Privates.
No. 7221, Private M. Clanahan, "A" Company.

Judging Distance Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 5865, Cpl. F. Johnstone	No. 8367, Pte. R. McGill
,, 7670, Pte. J. Brown	,, 7038, L/C. J. McLachlan
,, 4531, Lce. C. Armour	,, 4627, Pte. H. Walker

"B" Company.

No. 3079, C.-Sgt. A. Wallace	No. 7449, Pte. C. Hunter
,, 6959, Pte. J. Paterson	,, 5287, Cpl. C. Monro
,, 6295, L.-Sgt. W. Alder	,, 7095, Pte. J. McGregor

"C" Company.

No. 5678, L.-Sgt. T. Scott	No. 7583, Pte. J. Thomas
,, 8063, Pte. E. Bryson	,, 6613, L.-C. C. Donaldson
,, 6428, L.-Cpl. R. Carlyle	,, 7792, Pte. J. Campbell

"D" Company.

No. 8200, Cpl. G. McIntosh	No. 5198, Pte. J. Marshall
,, 7207, Pte. D. McKenzie	,, 7414, L.-C. A. McLaren
,, 5618, Cpl. A. McMaster	,, 7867, Pte. A. Grady

"E" Company.

No. 5945, Sgt. A. McRae	No. 7485, Pte. J. Phillips
,, 7516, Pte. P. Paton	,, 6009, L.-Cpl. D. Birrell
,, 5378, Cpl. C. Campbell	,, 5454, Pte. D. Ritchie

"F" Company.

No. 5374, Sgt. C. Phimister	No. 5712, Pte. W. Murnin
,, 8989, Pte. A. Madden	,, 6576, ,, I. Chalmers
,, 5716, L.-C. T. McGeechan	,, 8157, ,, L. Planner

"G" Company.

No. 6386, Sgt. J. Dougall	No. 6877, Pte. R. Calderwood
,, 4842, Pte. J. Marshall	,, 5297, ,, W. Kirkland
,, 7744, ,, H. Alexander	,, 5994, ,, A. Rice

"H" Company.

No. 7174, L.-C. W. McPherson	No. 5726, Pte. R. Sibbald
,, 6415, Pte. J. Caskie	,, 5243, L.-C. H. Lawrie
,, 7703, L.-C. D. Stirling	,, 6391, Pte. W. Melville

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.
No. 5927, Sergeant D. Stobie, "A" Company

Extended to complete 9 years' service.
No. 9510, Private R. Simpson, "H" Company

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

On transfer from 2nd N. Stafford Regiment.
No. Private C. Lightwood, posted to "F" Coy.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Embarked for England in H.T. "Ionian" 1st April 1906.

To Home Establishment.
No. 4293, Sergeant D. G. Newell, "D" Company.

To Army Reserve.
No. 9264, Private A. Findlay, "C" Company.

Invalids.

No. 6668,	Private R. Stronner,	"A"	Company
,, 4265,	,, D. Hunter,	,,	,,
,, 7726,	,, W. O'Hare,	"D"	,,
,, 1234,	,, R. Mothersole,	"E"	,,

For Discharge.
No. 7198, Private T. Coyne, "G" Company
,, 9015, ,, W. Tennant, "C" ,,

Embarked for England in R.T.M.S. "Dufferin," 14th April.

For Discharge.
No. 5060, Private J. Kelly, "A" Company

Invalid.
No. 9550, Private J. Mitchell, "F" Company

SERVICE RESTORED.

No. 6648, Pte. J. McPhee, "D" Coy., 3 years 256 days
,, 6543, ,, J. Murray, "B" ,, 195 days.

FURLOUGHS.

The following are granted furloughs:—

No. 3378, Pipe-Major F. J. Lynch, from 12th April to 31st July.

From 1st to 31st May.

No. 5758, Corpl. E. Parry	No. 5164, Lce.-Cpl. C. Lewington
,, 5650, Bdsm. H. Darwood.	,, 5507, Bdsm. W. Reynolds
,, 7212, Pte. W. Fraser	,, 9362, ,, W. Blythe
,, 5116, Lce.-Cpl. T. McGeechan	,, 7936, Pte. W. Strain
,, 8818, Pte. J. G. Grant	,, 6449, Lce.-Cpl. W. Yeo.
,, 5653, ,, G. Edwards	,, 5577, Bdsm. J. Delonghery
,, 7708, ,, G. H. Smith	,, 7760, Pte. C. McKim.
,, 5527, ,, R. Farrington	,, 9388, ,, W. Birkmyre
,, 7731, ,, A. Robertson	,, 8904, ,, J. Hutchinson
,, 9665, Boy J. Corbett	,, 7875, ,, J. Caldwell
,, 5566, Bdsm. H. Wilson	,, 7991, ,, P. Willmore
,, 7486, Pte. R. Snowdon	,, 7680, ,, J. Mullins
,, 7704, Lce.-Cpl. J. Jack	,, 2035, Pdsm. E. Chidley

No. 7487, Pte. R. Walker,	from	30th April	to 30th June
,, 8165, ,, E. Moore,	,,	8th May	to ,,
,, 6663, L.-Cpl C. Dunne,	,,	1st ,,	to ,,
,, 5065, Pte. F. Halkerston,	,,	28th April	to 31st May
,, 9190, Dr. E. Lees,	,,	18th ,,	to 18th June
,, 6664, Pte. E. Dunne,	,,	1st May	to 30th ,,
,, 7804, J. Johnston,	,,	18th April	to 18th ,,

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

BRACKEN.—At Poona on the 27th April 1906, to Sergeant and Mrs. H. V. Bracken, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter, Catherine Lennox.

DEATH.

RICHARDSON.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 24th April 1906, No. 4826, Private W. Richardson, "F" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

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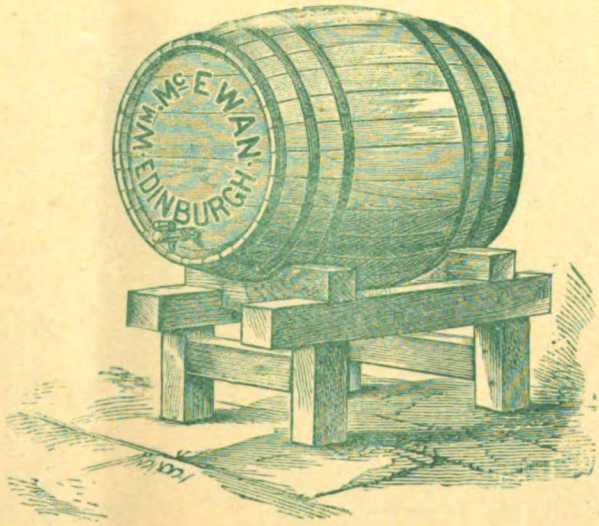

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SKIRLS

The month of May is one of the dullest of the year so far as we are concerned, everyone who can possibly get away being on leave. "H" and "B" Companies under Captain H. C. Macdonald and 2nd Lieutenant D. M. Porteous are getting well on with their annual course of field training, while "D" Company have just completed their musketry course. An account of the latter's scores, etc., appears in our Musketry Columns.

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As we mentioned last month, a match, to decide the ownership of the Regimental Shooting Shield for 1905-06, had been arranged between "A" and "F" Companies, and accordingly on Friday 18th instant, representative teams of twenty men from each company decided the contest on Wanowrie Range. "F" Company are to be congratulated on their success, as it is a good many years since their name appeared on the Shield.

From the *Gazette of India* we learn that Captain K. F. C. Marshall, "D" Company, has been appointed to officiate as Adjutant of the Naini Tal Volunteer Rifles during the absence of their Adjutant on leave.

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We were pleased to read in the press recently of the well-earned Brevet Majority awarded to Captain A. Sutherland, Ninety-third Highlanders, at present serving as Governor of Bahr-el-Gazel, Egypt, for his services in connection with the dispute between the troops of the Congo Free State and the Egyptian Troops. *The Thin Red Line* feels particularly gratified that its old Editor should have so distinguished himself.

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Second Lieutenant A. Stirling has been posted to this battalion on first appointment, and we hope to have him with us at an early date.

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From a usually well informed Indian Journal—the *Times of India*—we were surprised to learn that the recent Highland Brigade gathering at Peshawar was the first gathering of its kind in India, and as this statement has found its way into the home papers, we take this opportunity of pointing out the fact that several gatherings of a similar nature have been successfully carried out in India previously. One in particular was held in 1894 at the time of the great Lahore Durbar, the whole of the Highland Brigade taking part in it, and we have no doubt there were others held both prior and subsequent to that date.

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We were pleased to see that Captains Campbell and Hyslop officiated as Judges at the recent Gathering.

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Owing to Major Cavendish having had a relapse shortly after his return from home, he has been again invalided for six months. Major Mackenzie has therefore assumed Second-in-Command and in the absence of Colonel Paterson on leave, he commands the Battalion.

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Every sympathy will be with 2nd Lieutenant Campbell in his bereavement. He proceeded home on leave early in the month, but unfortunately, his mother Mrs. Campbell of Lochnell, had passed away before he started for Scotland.

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At the recent "tactical fitness" examination Major H. d'E. Vallancey, D. S. O. proved one of the successful candidates.

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Drab chevrons for both arms *a la* home service dress, have been taken into wear from the 14th instant, and gold chevrons will now be worn with review order dress only.

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The condition of having a third class certificate of education as a qualification for first class service pay is now to be enforced, but we are glad to see that only a very small percentage of the men of the Battalion will suffer reduction. As the examination for the third class certificate cannot by any means be called difficult, any man who refuses to qualify himself, is, to put it mildly—unwise.

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Since our signallers underwent their annual examination they have been sojourning in Purandhar carrying out long distance work. We understand that the standard obtained in the examination was quite up to that of former years.

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"E" Company having completed their course of field training at Kirkee, were examined there by Major Mackenzie, and the scheme—a company in outpost—was found to be well carried out.

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In connection with the other field training companies, the Battalion (A, C, F, and G, Companies) bivouaced at Katraj on the night of the 22nd and were attacked by "B" and "H" Companies while on the 29th "B" and "H" Companies bivouaced at Khandwa and were in turn attacked by the remaining four companies.

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A class, consisting of 28 men, is being made up to undergo a course of instruction in Scouting under Colour-Sergeant Lockie, who, it will be remembered, was in charge of the scouts for a considerable period. A course of reconnaissance under Lieutenant L. D. G. Fenzi is also being arranged for.

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2nd Lieutenant Falconar-Stewart, has taken over the pay and command of "G" Company, from Major Mackenzie.

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Sergeant D. Stobie, "A" Company, proceeded during the month to Secunderabad to take up an appointment as officiating Barrack Sergeant. His presence in the Battalion will be much missed in the circle in which he carried on his labours for the spiritual welfare of the men of the Ninety-Third.

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Considerable comment has been occasioned through the non appearance of the regimental hockey team in the Aga Khan Tournament. At the present moment our team is counted one of the best in the district, and had the tournament been carried through in Poona instead of Bombay, would undoubtedly have made a good show. Unfortunately, however, it was found impracticable to send the team to Bombay, not only on account of the expense, but owing to several of the players being unable to secure leave.

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Whether the new conditions for the First Class certificate of education will commend themselves to prospective candidates is a very open question, but there can be little doubt that they are much more sensible and tend towards greater efficiency in the higher reaches of an N. C. O's work than the conditions which previously existed. The introduction of composition as a compulsory subject, while it may add to the many worries of a schoolmaster's life, will be welcomed by all who have the education of the British soldier at heart.

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With this issue we present a reproduction of the most recent photograph of the Corporals and Lance Corporals of the Ninety-Third.

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An attempt was made to bring off a Paper Chase on the evening of the 31st. Although a good field started, it was found, after going some distance, that the trail had been completely obliterated, so the meeting proved a fiasco. Mr. Falconar-Stewart and Lance Corporal Wright acted as hares.

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The Officers of the Native Infantry Mess also attempted to carry through a mounted paper chase on the morning of the 31st. There was a fairly good attendance of the officers of the East Lancashire, M. I., and the Ninety-Third, but the high wind which prevailed blew away the paper as fast as it was laid, so the riders had to return.

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At the moment of writing, the long looked for "monsoon" is still long looked for, and although it does not really affect us, except that it will will put an end to the present heat, the want of rain is causing a good deal of distress around Poona. Fortunately, cholera has almost disappeared, so that the conditions are not so acute as in previous years.

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From Satara we hear of an exciting football match played between the Officers and the Non-commissioned officers attending the School of Musketry. For the N. C. O.'s, Sergeant Phemister played a vigorous game at centre forward, while Sergeant Norrie blew the whistle with the strictest impartiality.

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Teams representing the boys of the Ninety-Third met the boys of the R. F. A. at Kirkee in a series of home and away football matches recently. The Artillery boys had the advantage of ours in height but we managed to beat them in both games, that at Kirkee by 1-0 and at Poona by 2-0. On a third game being played a draw 1-1 was the result. The team was composed as follows:—*Goal*, Millar; *Backs*, Steadman and McCulloch; *Half backs*, Smith McKilligan, and McCuaig; *Forwards*, Lawrie, Thorburn, Blyth, Hetherington and Aitken.

"B" Company's Tug of War Team.

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We understand that an exchange is being arranged between Major Mackenzie and Major Aytoun, the former's private affairs necessitating his return to Scotland. Major Aytoun, who was at one time Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion, served in South Africa in command of some colonial troops for which he received the D.S.O. He is at present in command of the Depôt. He is a keen golfer and sportsman generally and will be an acquisition to the Ninety-Third.

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From a recent mail we understand that Captain Tweedie, who left us to take over the Adjutancy of the 4th Battalion, is engaged to be married to Miss Moore, a niece of our late respected Commanding Officer, Colonel Campbell of Inverardoch. We feel sure that all who know Captain Tweedie in the Ninety-Third will join us in wishing them every happiness and prosperity.

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Captain McCandlish has gone home on three month's leave and should return before we move to South Africa. We trust the change will be of benefit to him after his long residence in India.

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Second Lieutenant Lord George Dundas has sent in his papers and in anticipation has gone home to England. We all regret the loss to the regiment of so keen a sportsman and wish Lady George Dundas and himself the best of luck in their future life.

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Major Mackenzie has received from Bandsman Noble, late of this regiment and now in South Africa, a letter in which he says.—

"I have met with great success in the way of employment and am now settled down as comfortably as I could wish to be.

"I must say that my success is entirely due to the testimonials given me on leaving the battalion and I would advise anyone in the service to make it their business to conduct themselves in such a manner that they could leave the service with the best possible testimonials, as I found that they are absolutely necessary when seeking employment."

Most of us will concur with our late comrade's sentiments in the matter of employment in a new country.

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On hearing of the death of a Crimean Veteran the other day, the *Bystander* remarks that by an extraordinary oversight he did not die in the workhouse. While we frequently read of an old soldier passing away in poverty, it gives us a fair amount of satisfaction to know that of the Crimean Veterans of the Ninety-third, the majority are in comfortable circumstances, and the few who are not are never allowed to want, the exemplary comradeship which exists among the old hands being something remarkable. To cite the case of one old comrade, now blind and comparatively helpless; not only do his comrades see that he never wants, but a number of their respected "better halfs" take turn about in seeing his little home kept clean and bright. Could one wish for anything better than this?

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Inter-Company Football League.

Our second League Table shows a distinct change from that of our first. "E" Company, who then held the premier position have dropped to third while "A" have a distinct lead as regards points. "D" are a good second, and as they are only three points behind the top lot with two matches less, their chances are considered rather rosy. When one considers "A's" team, collectively or individually, it is no surprise that they head the table up to date. "C" showed up very poorly in the opening stages, but they have worked up wonderfully during the last four or five matches. "F" also had rather a poor time of it at the start of the League, but things are brightening up a little, and on their present form, they should be well in the running for the first four.

"H" can boast of a good strong team, but persistent bad luck in front of goal seems to dog them. Winning or losing, they always "play the game" and show a thorough sportsman-like spirit.

"G" have had more losses then wins, but win or lose, their games are always more or less characterised by play in which no sign of roughness or unfair dealings are visible, but perhaps that spirit has been infused into them by their captain and veteran player, "Auld Wullie," who has been connected with football in the 93rd since 1895.

We sincerely sympathise with "B" in the reverses they have met with in the present League and whilst doing so, we congratulate them on the sportsmanlike spirit which they have always shown, in turning out against teams vastly superior to them, and also for the good spirit in which they take their reverses.

"A" v. "F." "F" had the choosing of ends and defended the Coffee Shop goal. The play was pretty much in "A's" territory during the first half, but in was only when nearing the interval that "F" managed to beat Thompson. Turnbull shot in smartly from the right, and "A's" goal-keeper, bungling the ball in the saving, Clayton rushed in and netted it. "A" had really the best of matters in the last half but could not reduce "Fs" lead and suffered defeat for the first time during the League. Result, "F" 1; "A" 0

"B" v. "H." "B's" team was materially strengthened by the return of their signallers from Purandhar, and they showed better form than in their previous matches, in fact many thought they would come out on top. However Quinn beat George in the first half and they changed ends with the score 1—0. Play was rather erratic during the second half, and consisted chiefly of individual rushes. "H" was awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area, and came near to adding to their score, the ball striking the cross-bar and rebounding on to Bartholomew's foot, who placed it out of danger. Final result, "H" 1; "B" nil.

"C" v. "G." Benson guessed aright the toss for "G" who attacked Donaldson at once. Shot after shot came near passing him but they either sailed just over the bar or were disposed of by him. At last one succeeded in beating him. Mullholland shot on the run from almost the corner flag, and the ball dropped into the far corner of the net from Donaldson. It was a beautiful drive and well deserved a goal. They changed ends with the score standing "G" 1, "C" nil. Ten minutes of the second half had gone when Donaldson equalised with a splendid dropping shot from the left, and shortly after, Duncan of "C" also scored, this time from a scrimmage in front of "G's" goal. "G" tried hard to equalise, but missed some splendid chances, and "C" claimed full points, the score being "C" 2; "G" 1.

"D" v. "F." "D" played with the sun behind them in the first half. A strong cross wind was blowing, which kept the play nearly all on the Wanowrie Road side of the field. "D" had certainly the best of exchanges in the first part of the game, but could only beat "F's" custodian once, Mowat, who was playing forward doing the needful with a hard drive from the left. "F" had hard lines in not having the assistance of the wind in the second half, as it had altogether dropped. However they played a clever game and had even the best of matters. Turnbull had hard luck with one of his stingers from the right, the ball just passing the upright by inches. Lynch added another point for "D" with a slow trundling shot from close quarters. Result: "D" 2; "F" nil.

A. v H. "H" played with the sun and wind behind them, and Thompson was early called upon to save, a smart shot from Quinn nearly doing the trick. Daily had a couple of visits from "A's" front rank, but every one seemed so anxious to score, that they actually spoiled each other. Half time, no scoring. Early in the second period "H" was awarded a penalty for Quinn being unfairly dealt with. He himself undertook the kick, and beat Thompson. After a good combination run by "A," Miller notched the equaliser, and shortly afterwards Lamie gave "A" the lead. Result, "A" 2, "H" 1.

"E" v. "B." "B" turned out a fairly representative team, and after a few minutes play the opinion was freely expressed that "E" would require to have remarkably good luck to carry away full or even half the points. "B" played in a thoroughly determined manner, and with sun and wind behind them, gave Mullen plenty of work, until Ballantyne at last beat him with a shot. "B" still forced matters after changing over, and several times Mullen was forced to concede corners, none of which were productive. Cameron of "E" indulged in some good individual

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runs, but was always pounced on just at the critical moment. Things, at this juncture, were looking none too bright for "E," till Cameron by a slip from Montgomery, got away nicely between the backs, and, outrunning them, steadied himself about ten yards from goal and equalised matters. Result, "E" 1; "B" 1.

"C" v. "H." "C" kicked off against a strong breeze and by a neat bit of combination carried the ball down to "H's" six yard line, from which point Donaldson shot over. Play was then transferred to "C's" end but Reid relieved with a strong kick, from which Fleming shot wide. From the goal kick "H" again attacked and netted the ball, but the referee disallowed the point as Quinn was palpably offside. The teams changed ends—both goalless. "C" kept the play in "H's" ground for a good ten minutes, Kelly and Dawson having their work cut out to keep them back. "C" was awarded a foul about twenty yards out, and Lapsley, who took the kick, placed it with almost mathematical precision, the ball slightly touching Daily's arm before going into the net. This seemed to rouse "H" and they paid Donaldson frequent visits, but without effect, and a fast game ended in a win for "C" by one goal to nil.

"B" v. "A." These teams met for the second time and, curious to relate, the same number of goals were scored, but more evenly divided than in the previous match. For the first half "B," with sun and wind behind them, did most of the attacking though with less effect than "A" who scored twice during the first half. Sergt. Forrest was the first to draw blood with a neat shot. A few minutes afterwards "B" were awarded a penalty for a slight infringement and Woods, who negotiated the kick, scored. Just before half time Lawrie of "A" sent in a long drive, and George in attempting to save, let the ball bounce off his chest. Miller rushed in and notched number two for "A." Half time "A" 2; "B" 1. The second half started briskly, but "B" unaccountably fell to pieces, and from then till the whistle piped time up, "A" monopolised the play, with the exception of an occasional rush by "B." Cullen scored "A's" third from a scrimmage, but "A" had still a slight reverse to come, Woods again scoring from a penalty. Final result—"A" 3; "B" 2.

"D" v. "C." "C" started the ball against sun and wind and Fleming at once made for "D's" goal but Reid forced him to shoot wide. "D's" forwards thus got away and were seen to advantage in a neat bit of short passing. The shooting on both sides was wretched owing probably to the shape of the ball, which was more like a battered water melon than a sphere. "D's" first goal was the result of a beautiful shot by Mowatt from the left. It seemed easy enough to save but the strong sun prevented Donaldson from seeing the ball. Half time "D" 1; "C" 0. Play in the latter half was rather tame until Mowatt slightly erred in tackling an opponent inside the penalty area, and what a cheer went up from the spectators (if we except the occupants of "D's" Grand Stand) when Lapsley beat Green. This equaliser put new life into the game. From a combined rush by "D's" forwards a scrimmage took place in front of "C's" goal and Dunne drove the ball from amongst the crowd past Donaldson. "C" were busy round "D's" goal when the whistle piped time up. Result, "D" 2; "C" 1.

"F" v. "E." "F" winning the toss, "E" started the ball against wind and sun, and Hempseed intercepted the pass to the left, sending his forwards well away. Curran got possession and beat Mullen, but the referee disallowed the point, ruling Curran offside, a mistake which the same player was guilty of a few minutes later. Play was anything but exciting until Curran beat Mullen, with a low, swift drive, which gave the goal-keeper no earthly chance of saving. On changing ends Wright got clear away and made no mistake in shooting. "E" were now two down but this fact only seemed to induce them to further efforts. Cameron unfortunately met with a serious accident to his knee which necessitated his removal for a short time. Indeed he should never have attempted to go on again as he only made matters worse for himself. "E's" only goal came from Campbell's foot, and they had several times hard luck in not scoring. Result, "F" 2, "E" 1.

"H" v. "G." "H" were without the services of Quinn and McLuckie, and although handicapped by having to play against wind and sun in the first half, succeeded in scoring twice against "G," who turned out minus Eite and their usual custodian, the latter's place being filled by Cpl. Gilmour. Black scored first for "H" and before half time was called Hall added a second. After the interval "G" played with a little more dash and Mulholland at last beat Daily with a shot at short range. The same player looked like scoring a few minutes later, but was relieved of the ball in none too gentle a manner by one of "H's" backs. Result, "H" 2, "G" 1.

"H" v. "E" In the second meeting of those teams the score, at the call of time, was exactly the same as in the previous match—a draw, 1 each. "H" was without the services of Quinn whilst Cameron had not quite got over his accident in "E's" last game with "F". Play was evenly divided all through the game, the low scoring being mainly due to the good defensive play of both teams. To Mullen especially a word of praise is due, whilst Daily also saved some nasty shots. On the whole a draw was a most satisfactory conclusion to the game. "H" 1, "E" 1.

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"G" v "F" "G" were unfortunately unable to turn out their usual team, and were easily disposed of by "F," who played a winning game all through. "F" forward line showed some neat short passing, while Wright's dashes nonplussed "G's" defenders in no small way. Half time went with "F" leading by 2 goals to "G's" nil. In the second stage of the game they added another 3 and as "G" failed to penetrate "F's" defence "F" won by 5—0.

"D" v. "A" As those two teams have headed the League alternately a good game was expected, and so it proved to be. Although "A" only captured the points by the odd goal they gave a good display of football, and everyone was surprised at the score in their favour not being higher. "D" kept re-arranging their team all through the game but with no good result, as goals would not come their way. "A's" only goal of the match was the result of a drive at long range by Lamie, the goal-keeper misjudging the pace of the ball. Result, "A" 1, "D" 0.

"E" v "A." "E" having choice of ends, "A" had a strong wind against them in the first half. Both teams were strongly represented, as each intended taking away full points It was a fast game all through but neither side could claim any advantage. They changed ends with a blank sheet. "E" pressed for the first ten minutes of the second half but their shooting was faulty and "A's" keeper had no difficulty in disposing of their shots. "A" got away with a rush and from a scrimmage inside the penalty line the referee awarded them a penalty kick for one of "E's" halves accidentally handling the ball. McMillan took the kick and Mullen saved splendidly. "E's" turn then came for a penalty but Montgomery shot just over the bar, so honours were even. Final result: a draw, no scoring.

LEAGUE TABLE FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 6th 1906

Coy.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Agnt.	Points.
"A"	11	7	2	2	15	9	16
"D"	9	6	2	1	21	4	13
"E"	12	4	3	5	11	10	13
"F"	11	4	3	4	12	8	12
"C"	10	5	4	1	16	12	11
"H"	11	3	4	4	10	12	10
"G"	10	2	6	2	11	20	6
"B"	10	0	7	3	10	30	3

Two points for a win—One for a Draw.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED.

UP TO 31ST MAY 1906.

Match.	*Date.*	*Result.*
A v G	16th April	Draw, 2, goals each.
B v F	17th ,,	,, 1, ,, ,,
C v E	18th ,,	"E" 2, "C" 1.
D v H	19th ,,	"D" 3, "H" 0.
G v A	20th ,,	"A" 1, "G" 0.
F v B	21st ,,	Draw, no scoring.
E v C	23rd ,,	,, 1, goal each.
H v D	24th ,,	,, no scoring.
A v B	25th ,,	"A" 4, "B" 1.
C v D	26th ,,	"D" 4, "C" 0.
E v F	27th ,,	"E" 1, "F" 0.
G v H	28th ,,	"H" 3, "G. 1.
A v C	30th ,,	"C" Coy, scratched.
B v D	1st May.	"D" 8, "B" 1.
E v H	2nd ,,	Draw, 1, goal each.
F v G	3rd ,,	Draw, 1, goal each.
A v D	4th ,,	"D" 2, "A" 0.
B v C	5th ,,	"C" 4, "B" 1.
E v G	7th ,,	"E" 2, "G" 0.
F v H	8th ,,	"F" 1, "H" 0.
A v E	9th ,,	"A" 2. "E" 0.
B v G	10th ,,	"G" 4, "B" 2.
C v F	11th ,,	"C" 1, "F" 0.
D v E	12th ,,	"E" 1, "D" 0.
A v F	14th ,,	"F" 1, "A" 0.
B v H	15th ,,	"H" 1, "B" 0.
C v G	16th ,,	"C" 2, "G" 1.
D v F	17th ,,	"D" 2, "B" 0.
A v H	18th ,,	"A" 2, "H." 1.
B v E	19th ,,	Draw 1 goal each.
C v H	21st ,,	"C" 1, "H." 0.
B v A	23rd ,,	"A" 3, "B" 2.
D v C	24th ,,	"D" 2, "C" 1.
F v E	25th ,,	"F" 2 "E" 1.
H v G	26th ,,	"H" 2, "G" 1
H v E	30th ,,	Draw, 1 goal each.
G v F	31st ,,	"F" 5, "G" 0,

MODERN WAR WEAPONS AND WOUNDS.

At the opening of the Congress of German Surgeons in Berlin lately, Dr. Schaefer delivered a most interesting lecture regarding the experiments which he, in company with the Russian doctors, conducted after the battle of Mukden to discover the effects of wounds inflicted by modern weapons. Dr. Schaefer, who examined more than 7000 wounded men, declared that the percentage of those killed instantaneously by bullets had not increased, while the number of those who afterwards succumbed to their wounds was surprisingly small. In fact in the army corps in which Dr. Schaefer conducted his experiments he found that three months after the battle about half the wounded were back in the ranks. In some regiments so many as 76 per cent. rejoined. In this connection Dr. Schaefer attached the highest importance to the packet of bandages carried by every Japanese soldier for first dressing of wounds before the arrival of the doctors.

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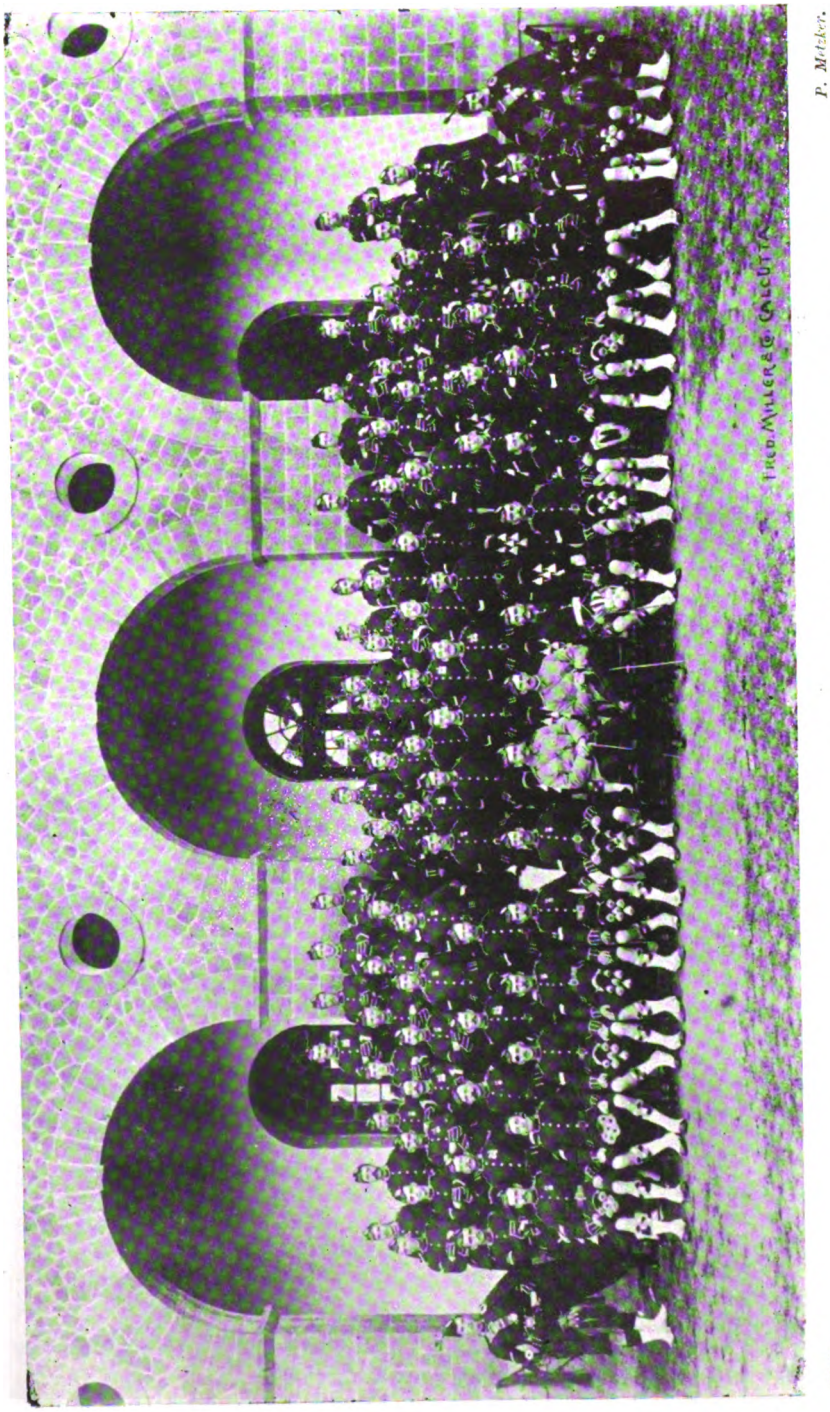

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Musketry.

"A" Company versus "F" Company.

In the Annual Course of Musketry for 1905-06 the above companies were exercised in different courses. "A" Company proved the best of the companies firing the new course and "F" Company the best of those firing the old, so the Commanding Officer decided that representative teams of twenty N. C. O's. and men per Company should fire to decide the ownership of the Regimental shooting shield for the current year. Friday 18th May was selected for the match and in rather breezy weather the teams fired at Bisley Targets at 200, 500, and 600 yards, two sighting shots being allowed at each distance. On the conclusion it was found that the different scores totalled up as follows:—

"F" Company 1425 points.
"A" ,, 1392 ,,

thus leaving "F" Company winners of the shield and the best shooting company of the Battalion. The following are the scores.

"A" Company.

	200	500	600	Total
Pte. McMaster, ...	29	27	28	84
,, Clanahan, ...	29	28	27	84
,, Drain, ...	27	30	24	81
Cpl. McKenzie, ...	24	29	25	78
Lce.-Cpl. Armour, ...	28	24	25	77
Pte. Durick, ...	29	27	20	76
,, Campbell, ...	27	27	21	75
,, Johnston, ...	28	30	15	73
Sgt. Glass, ...	22	25	25	72
Pte. McGill, ...	26	29	15	70
Cr.-Sgt. Clarke, ...	24	24	21	69
Pte. Robertson, ...	24	22	22	68
,, Wilson, ...	23	21	22	66
,, May, ...	19	27	20	66
,, Cunnion, ...	24	22	19	66
Sgt. Young, ...	23	27	15	65
Pte. Gunn, ...	20	23	21	64
Sgt. Kerr, ...	22	23	14	59
Pte. Coutts, ...	21	21	10	52
,, Allan, ...	15	21	12	48
			Total ..	1392
			Average ...	69·6

"F" Company.

Lce.-Cpl. Cridland, ...	28	32	27	87
Pte. McNie, ...	31	26	29	86
Cpl. Stewart, ...	21	30	27	78
Cr.-Sgt. Arnott, ...	19	30	28	77
Sgt. McQueen, ...	28	27	21	76
Pte. Bruce, ...	24	25	26	75
,, Eadie, ...	22	26	26	74
,, Smith, ...	24	28	22	74
Captain Elphinston, ...	26	27	21	74
Lce.-Cpl. Balfour, .	20	25	28	73
Pte. Macdonald, ...	26	22	25	73
,, Thomson, ...	25	28	20	73
Sgt.-Major Ditcham, ...	22	28	20	70
Pte. McEachern, ...	21	25	22	68
,, McDonald, ...	24	23	21	68
,, Hempseed, ...	22	26	18	66
,, Wade, ...	21	28	15	64
Lce.-Cpl. Donochue, ...	20	21	22	63
Pte. Mark, ...	24	17	17	58
,, Galloway, ...	18	21	9	48
			Total ..	1425
			Average ..	71·25

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Annual Course.

"D" Company,

Exercised by Lieutenant H. M. Thomson, Captain Marshall being on leave. Throughout the course the weather conditions were adverse to good shooting. After breakfast each day, a strong wind, sometimes amounting to a gale, blowing across the range. The following gained "Marksman".

	Company hots.
No 2981, Sergeant W. Scott,	No. 3764, Sergt J. Sim,
,, 4841, Colr Sergt. J. Ogg,	,, 4682, Cpl. A. Gray,
,, 5618, Cpl A. McMaster.	,, 4482, Pte. J. Mowatt
,, 7950, Lce-Cpl H. J. Hutchison,	,, 9333, Pte. J. Mullen.

No of markmen, 8, 1st Class Shots, 30, 2nd Class, 46, and 3rd class 5 Average classification score, 167, being equal to last year.

Sergeant Scott is to be congratulated on his carrying off the "Company guns" this year in view of the fact that the most of the other marksmen are well known shots. The N. C. O.'s of the Company came out well, six of the eight marksmen being their share. Towards the end of the course it looked as if there were to be few or no third class shots only one man being unable to qualify with the last ten rounds, so considering the exceptionally blowy weather experienced it would seem that the standard has much improved this year.

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Regimental Shooting Club.

A competition under the usual conditions was carried out on Thursday 24th May. The following proved prize winners.

			Prize.	Rs.
Class A				
1.	Private Fletcher,	"B" Company	...	6
2.	,, Gallacher,	"B" ,, ...	...	5
3	,, Wilson,	"A" ,, .	...	4
4.	,, Fleming,	"G" ,, ...	...	3
5.	,, McLeish,	"D" ,, ...	...	3
Class B.				
1.	Private McLean,	"D" Company...	...	6
2.	,, Scott,	"D" ,, ..	...	5
3.	,, Dailly,	"H" ,, ...	...	4
4.	,, Findlay,	"H" ,, ...	...	3
5.	,, Robertson,	"H" ,, ...	..	3
Class C.				
	Boy Campbell,	"H" Company ...	...	5
	Pte. McRae	"B" ,, ...	...	4
	,, Hall,	"H" ,, ...	...	3
Sergeants' Competition.				
	Sergeant E. Mahoney,	... ...	...	5
	,, J. Sim,	.. ..	..	4

Pool target.

Lce.-Cpl. Stirling, "H" Coy, Ptes Mowatt, Bain, Drew, Fletcher, Benson and Hay.

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Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

No. 2158, Quarter-Master Sergeant Robert Whittaker.

Enlisted for 93rd Highlanders in 1847 and was one of the first Guard-of-Honour to the late Queen Victoria at Aberdeen when she visited Scotland in 1849. He accompanied the Regiment to the Crimea as one of the Light Company and was promoted Colour-Sergeant of No. 3 Company during the war. Took part in the battles of Alma and Balaklava, the Siege of Sabastopol and the expedition to Kertch and Yenikale. Has the following medals.—Crimean, with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol; Turkish medal; Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. After the return of the Regiment from the Crimean Campaign he was transferred to serve with the Depot Companies and did not accompany the regiment to India. At Aberdeen he was promoted Quartermaster Sergeant and was discharged in that rank in 1868 on completion of twenty-one years' service. He then took up the appointment of Sergeant-Major Ross-shire Volunteers and continued to serve until 1889, when he was finally discharged on completion of 42 years' service. His popularity with the Ross-shire Volunteers is easily testified by the number of valuable presents he received from officers and men during his long service as their instructor. A son of Mr. Whittaker, who died only a few months ago in London, was also a Colour-Sergeant in the 93rd. He left the Regiment to take over an appointment as Drill-Instructor at Sandhurst College where he completed 21 years' service. Prior to his decease he was employed as Gymnastic Instructor of a College in London. The veteran Quartermaster Sergeant, who is now 80 years of age, is a native of Glasgow, and appears to be in fairly good health, despite his advanced age. Our readers will join with us in wishing this fine old non-commissioned officer of the 93rd many more happy returns of his birthday.

No. 2511, Sergeant John Crichton.

Enlisted, 6th November 1849, for 71st Highlanders, and transferred to the 93rd Highlanders December 1849, to serve with an elder brother, Served with the Regiment throughout the whole of the Crimean Campaign, taking part in the battles of Alma and Balaklava, Siege of Sebastopol, Expedition for the capture of Kertch and Yenikale. He also served with the 93rd throughout the Indian Mutiny Campaign, taking part in the Relief and Capture of Lucknow, battle of Cawnpore, and all the other operations in which the Regiment took part. Is in possession of the Crimean Medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol; Turkish Medal; Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow. Was never seriously wounded but had several narrow escapes at the battle of Alma, a shell carrying off the top portion of his feather bonnet; two bullets also passing through his bonnet and two through his haversack. At the capture of the Secunderabagh he got off with a concussion to his foot from a bullet fired from a loophole near the ground beside which he was standing when the shot was fired. Served in the Light Company throughout his service and had a brother who was a Colour-Sergeant in the Regiment. Returned home in 1861, after serving for twelve years in the Regiment, and was appointed 1st Class Instructor to the Haddington Volunteers, now the 7th Battalion Royal Scots, with which corps he served for twelve or thirteen years. For the past thirty-three years Mr. Crichton has held the appointment of Bank Messenger, Union Bank of Scotland, a position of trust which but few soldiers attain. As an example of a successful and well spent life, Mr. Crichton, among the many other gallant Sutherland Highlanders still to the fore, stands pre-eminent. To the younger generation of his old Regiment his record as a soldier and a civilian will stand as an illustration of what can be accomplished by energy and devotion to duty. Mr. Crichton, who is now in his 73rd year, was born in Glasgow and was a drummer in the Regiment for some years before he went in for promotion. He held the rank of Sergeant on leaving the Regiment. Still hale and hearty and employed in his present vocation, the gallant old 93rd Highlander has borne the stress of his eventful life well. May he be long spared to us.

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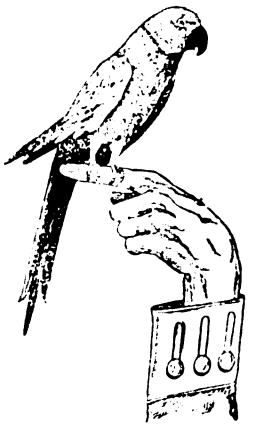
What the Parrot is Saying.



[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT he wad like some Turkey.

That may be he wad get a medal and a gong for it.

That he wants tae ken the man wha slaughtered "B" Company.

That he thinks it wis "Bill Adams" o' "H" Company.

That he wis sitting marking time a' nicht.

That he drew the rooty and bread taegither

That he had eight sisters, an' nine o' them were working.

That he could dae the arithmetic a' richt, bit he wisna shair o' the sums.

That it was locked up in a box like a herring in a barrel.

That he was going tae Bombay for ten days next week.

That he wis a long distance fighter.

That she'll rise the ace and catch the "A. T. A" wallah

That he wis a guid fitba player bit he had na science.

That he could fairly handle his feet.

That the auld man's deid again.

That there wis a tail in its wag yet.

That the breeks ye get in Africa is yer kilt.

That the height o' his helmet wis 6 and seven eights otherwise 21 and a half.

That the favourite song in Kirkee wis "Oh Promise me."

That "F" Company's team were going to have some previous practice.

But it did not come off.

That they won all the same.

That "E" Company are advertising their vacant space.

That they wid like the fitba' clock.

That it's going any way.

Army Temperance Association.

During his recent visit to India, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales received a deputation of the R.A.T.A., and in answer to their address made the following encouraging reply:—

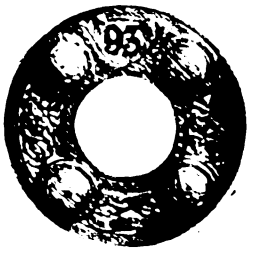
"Lord Kitchener, and Members of the Army Temperance Association in India,—

"I heartily thank you for your address, which I have received, and for the sentiments of loyalty to the King-Emperor, and kind wishes for the Princess of Wales and myself, to which it gives expression. In communicating its contents to His Majesty, your Patron, I will not fail to call attention to the gradual but steady increase in the work of the Association since its foundation in India more than forty years ago.

"As the Address truly says, the King is personally interested in the Association, and I know that he will rejoice to learn that, while it continues to enjoy the sympathy and active support of your Excellency, as it did of your predecessors, and of the Army and Regimental authorities, the Non-Commissioned Officers and men who enrol themselves as members are earnestly doing their best to carry out and promote the principles of self-denial, which are inculcated by the Association. It is by giving practical effort to these principles that the Association justly claims to have contributed in no small degree, not only to the health and good conduct of the Army, but to the uniform standard of temperance which to-day characterises the British Army in India. Such benign influences not only raise the whole moral tone of the Army; through them the individual soldier gains in self-respect, becomes a better citizen, and establishes for himself a position to gain the esteem and confidence of the employers of labour.

"It is my earnest hope that the ranks of this admirable organisation may be more reinforced, and its good influence extended to every part of the Empire where the King's uniform is worn.

"GEORGE P."



THE KILT.

The idea that the kilt is modern seems to have originated with a writer in the "Scots' Magazine" in 1798. The original dress of the Highlander was the belted plaid. This was a piece of tartan cloth, two yards broad and four long, which was drawn round the waist in nicely adjusted folds, and tightly buckled with a belt. The lower part came down to the knees in much the same manner as the modern kilt, while the upper part was drawn up and adjusted to the left shoulder, so that the right arm might be perfectly free. This upper part was the plaid, which was used as a covering for the shoulders and body in wet weather; and when the use of both arms was required it was fastened across the breast with a brooch, often curiously enriched. A brooch also used to fasten the plaid on the left shoulder. To attire himself in the belted plaid required on the part of the Highlander no small amount of dexterity. Then usual way was to lay it on the floor, and after carefully arranging the folds to lie down upon it, and then buckle it on. The lower end was fastened at the right hip. The utility of such a dress in the Highlands is obvious, for the plaid rendered the man indifferent to storms, and prepared to pass a night in the open air in the most inclement weather, while the loose undergarment enabled him to wade rivers or ascend mountains with equal ease. It was thus peculiarly adapted to the warrior, the hunter, and the shepherd.

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The London 'bus driver has not lost his ability to sum up matters within his ken in a terse and attractive manner. Gazing at the Japanese sailors preparing to march to Fenchurch Street Station a short time ago, a driver remarked that "they looked as if they was all twins."

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Round the Bungaloms.

As I have frequently observed in these columns it does not take the average soldier very long to alter his conversation to suit local circumstances, and the precursor of the South African move I heard recently on a man of "D" Company remarking that he was going to sweep out the "*stoep*." So in a day or two I expect to hear the troops familiarly using the expressions, "*Ikona*", "*Futsack*," etc. What their exact meaning is I am not quite sure, but I have it on good authority that they are used in South Africa much the same as the "bat" is in this country.

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In view of the recent article which appeared regarding the objections of some ladies of Pietermaritzburg to the wearing of the kilt, let us hope it won't be our misfortune to be treated in such a manner. Possibly the ladies were of the kind commonly known in India as "Kilwacks," and they may not be aware that however fierce looking a Highlander may be in the kilt, he can scarcely take it off, as, outside of India, the Government do not provide him with trews after his enlistment. However objectionable the kilt may be, a grey-back *bus* would scarcely be *a la mode*.

Fording the Mutha-Mulha.

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The annual return of the British Army for the past year tells us that there is a shortage in the strength of the troops of some 155,000 men. I quite believe it, and you may have noticed it yourselves when you tried to turn out a fatigue party at two p.m. on a hot day.

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It has been explained that with a view of making the army more popular the term "imprisonment" has been abolished and the word "detention" substituted. Clearly, the change will be acceptable, as in future, instead of having to confess the cold hard truth to your friends, you will be able to put them off by airily exclaiming "Oh, just detained in barracks, you know!"

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A recent order proclaims that no dogs will be allowed in the Supper Room. Why? Have any been missing lately?

At first they called him "Bunco," but they found it rather rude,
When he left his boozing comrades to join the brotherhood;
So now they call him "Sister" and their faces wear a grin,
As he gently comes and calls you to join him in a hymn.

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At the inspection of a company in Field Training some amusing answers to common questions are always heard, and the following have the advantage of being original.

A private on being asked when he would fix his bayonet on outpost duty, replied that he would do so when it was cold.

His meaning however, is not quite clear, but possibly he meant that he would fix it in dull weather. Another man, asked to explain what was meant by "circumspection" replied that "In plain English it means ha'ein a *tora malaam*."

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The Empire's troubles in Asia and Africa are causing a fair amount of interest in this battalion, as the fact of our being under orders to move might have given us a previous claim in case of more troops being required. I am however authorised to contradict the rumour that a cablegram has been sent to Bambatta asking him to hold over the "Cease fire" until we arrive.

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The musketry season is now on us, and the latest yarn from the range is as follows:—

A noted hurricane shot while at the 200 yards firing point, had failed to find the target with at least half-a-dozen rounds and on his instructor asking what was up with him, replied that he "could'na understand it at all." The instructor rather pawkily came away with the following,—"Weel," says he, "the target is only twa hunner' yairds awa', an' it's no *ma* fault that ye missed it, an' it's no the fault o' the *target* for it stood steady enouch, an' it's no the fault o' yer *rifle* fur a' ken it's a guid yin, sae I'll jist leeve ye tae think it ow're an' find oot wha's fault it is."

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Home and Depot Notes.

The Scottish Pipers' Society held their annual competition in the Gymnasium Hall, Fettes Row, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 18th April 1906. The conditions were that no winners of a 1st Prize may compete again with the exception of the winner of the Piobaireachds, who may play again until he has won another 1st Prize. The result was:—

Piobaireachds.—For the Lord Strathcona Challenge Cup—(Value 200 Guineas).

1st, Captain M. McNeill (late 93rd), Donald Dugald Mackay's Lament.

2nd, Captain C. A. H. Maclean (93rd), Lament for Patrick Og MacCruimein.

3rd, Somerled Macdonald (Skye), MacCruimein's Sweetheart.

March, Strathspey and Reel.—Competition for the Society's Challenge Cup.

1st, Somerled Macdonald (Skaebost, Skye).

2nd, Captain C.A.H. Maclean (93rd).

3rd, R. A. Campbell, Edinburgh.

Marches (Open).—1st Capt. C. A. H. Maclean (93rd).

2nd Capt. M.McNeill (late 93rd).

3rd Capt. Colin McRae (late 42nd).

Strathspeys and Reels.

1st Capt. M. McNeill (late 93rd).

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Colonel J. M. Hunt, Commanding 91st Regimental District, completed his period of command on Friday 20th April, and as the appointment of a Colonel to command the regimental district is abolished the command of the Depôt has fallen to Major A. Aytoun, D.S.O.

Colonel Hunt, who was closely connected with Stirling and District, was exceptionally respected by all ranks and his farewell order was couched in the following terms: –

"Colonel J. M. Hunt, on vacating the command of the 91st Regimental District, desires to thank all ranks for the assistance and support he has received from them during his term of office; which he believes has largely contributed to the efficiency of the public services."

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In connection with the latest scheme of Volunteer Infantry Brigades, Colonel P. D. Trotter has been selected to command the Scottish Border Brigade.

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From the "Military Mail."

The Officers' Mess of the 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at Chatham, on Friday, presented a gay appearance, the occasion being a dance given by the sergeants of the battalion. What a good spirit of comradeship there must exist in a corps the officers of which place their quarters at the disposal of their N.C.O.'s! About 120 guests were in attendance, and a long programme, consisting of 24 dances, was got through, under the direction of Col.-Sergt. J. Robb, as M.C., and the Highland dances, as usual, were accompanied by the stirring (!) strains of the bagpipes. The band was under the conductorship of Musn. Pendered, R.M.L.I.; Cook-Sergt. Williams looked after the refreshment department; and Col. Sergt. Robb, Sergt.-Drummer Meredith, Sergt. Balnave, and Sergt. Stewart were responsible for the other general arrangements.

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In the first round of the Army Golf Championship, the 1st Battalion A. and S. Highlanders, have received a bye.

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From the "London Gazette" we read that His Majesty's Birthday is to be celebrated at all home stations on 29th November, and in India on 29th June.

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The organisation of a battalion of infantry of the line at home, in India, and in the Colonies is detailed in appendices to the April Army Orders, the totals being as follows:—At home, 831 of all ranks; in India, 940; and in the Colonies, 858.

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The following arrangements for detailing the major and captain allowed for two battalion depots have been decided upon:—The major for the depot will be furnished by the battalion serving at home, and when a relief is about to be required, instructions as to which battalion will nominate an officer will be issued by the Director of Personal Services. The battalion serving abroad (short tour excepted) will furnish a captain as heretofore.

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The following interesting figures quoted in Parliament recently, are given for comparison.

The average annual cost of a trained private soldier, is as follows:—

	At Home. £. s. d.	In India. £. s. d.
Cavalry	62 11 4	82 5 5
Engineers	77 2 7	0 0 0
Artillery:		
Horse	64 7 4	86 14 0
Field	61 18 3	84 2 6
Garrison	59 13 2	80 17 9
Infantry of the Line.	57 8 9	75 5 2

The figures of the soldiers at Home include charges for barracks, arms, and ammunition, etc. The figures for India include as well, charges for the capitation rate, for passage, etc.

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According to the "Tailor and Cutter" there is said to be only one man in London who presents a correct living picture of how the Scottish kilt should be worn, and he is the Sergeant-Major of the London Scottish Volunteers.

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We understand that the War office have granted a site for the erection of a new Argyll aud Sutherland Memorial Home in Stirling. This is rendered necessary by the inability of the Committee to secure a fresh lease of Mar Lodge and the new home will be between the Hospital and the present home.

A boice from the Jungle.

A certain soldier of His Majesty's Army (it would scarcely be fair to give his name which is one well known around Wanowrie) was shooting in a district where "tanks" existed. It is presumed he, at the time of his story, had not passed the Lower Standard Urdu, nor was he accompanied by a friend who had.

However, in the course of the day's sport, having brought down a duck which on being shot fell in a tank, our hero proceeded to strip and enter the tank to recover his prey. No sooner was he well in than the weeds began to trouble him, and to save himself from drowning his struggles were wild and many. Seeing a native dhobie washing clothes hard by, he called on him for assistance, but the native made no attempt to enter the tank to the rescue.

At last, though utterly worn out, our gallant soldier managed to get back to the bank and to his garments. With fierce mein, dishevelled hair, dripping body and gasping for breath he made for the dhobie and addressed him thus,—the native, with the usual sereneness, nodding his head sideways to each remark.

"Tum were (gasp) dectaining me in burra tucklief in the pina ka pani (gasp)."

"I gave tum a bolo (gasp)."

"Tum kutch a Lawanied (gasp),"

The latter said with growing fervour, a pause as he stooped for his military cane lying on his coat, and he added,

"And *now* for some lackery" (gasp, gasp,) whack! whack!

Considerable amusement was occasioned last week in one of the officers' messes in Stanhope Lines, over a telephone blunder. A party, wishing to visit the theatre rang up the exchange, and asked to be connected, but unfortunately gave the wrong number, and the following conversation ensued: "Hello, are you there?" "Yes, what it is, please?" "This is the ——— mess; can you let us have a box for four, to-night?" A brief pause followed, and then came the reply. "Sorry, we can only make boxes for one; this is the undertaker's."

Hockey.

Our Hockey team has done remarkably well lately. The backs and halves have shaken down into their places, and we have a very good goal keeper in Mowatt. The change of Sergeant Markey from from back to left half in place of Ballantine who went back, was a marked improvement, and it is evident that half is really Markey's place. In defence we should now more than hold our own, with any team we are likely to meet.

As regards the forward line it is not yet all that it might be, either in accuracy in taking and giving passes, or in quickness on the ball. It also lacks the pace of a really first class line. However they are a new combination and there is plenty of of time for improvement. The team at present is as follows: Goal, Pte. Mowatt; backs, Pte. Ballantine and Lce.-Cpl Eite; halves, Lce.-Cpl. Berry (right), Lieut. Porteous (centre), Sgt. Markey left; Forwards, Sgt. Galbraith, Mr. Tarbotton, Pte. Faulds (centre), Piper Kean, Pte. Turnbull.

93*rd versus Gymkhana.*—We had a moderate side against us and had not our full team, Eite, Ballantyne and Mowatt being absent. We won after a hard game by 4 goals to 3. The forward play was very poor.

93*rd versus Gymkhana.*—After a good game we won by 7 goals to 3. The forwards played much better towards the last half of the game. Mowatt made two remarkable saves in goal.

93*rd versus Gymkhana.*—In this match Sgt. Markey went left half instead of Ballantine who went back. We had a weak side against us and the two goals they got were very lucky ones, being both clean offside. The whole of our team played a much improved game and won easily by 12 goals to 2.

93*rd versus Gymkhana.*—We had a really strong team against us in consequence of the last match. The result was a splendid game. This was the first time that the team had really shown their mettle and they played a very fine game, especially Lce.-Cpl. Berry who played remarkably well at half. Our opponents held us at the start and we changed over with the score at 2-1 in our favour. The Gymkhana then notched another goal but our forwards suddenly found their feet and in spite of one more goal got by the Gymkhana we ran up the score to 6 goals. Result 6—3 in our favour. The brunt of the game fell upon the backs and half backs, and it was due to the openings they made and to their good backing up, that we won this match. Lce Corp. Eite and Ballantyne played a very good game at back.

93*rd Highlanders versus Survey of India.*—This was the best team we had yet met though they are a comparatively new side. They were very fast, and their passing was remarkably accurate

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and well taken. We were expecting a defeat, but our team played a very sound game. The forwards especially had come on, and played with dash and combination. This was at once apparent as our opponents were unable to score. Good play by forwards means an immense relief to the backs and halves, as they are not being continually pressed, and are able to shake out and get together. During a good run Faulds especially at centre forward shewed that in him we have a really first class player, and he made two remarkable runs. In spite of the score the game was a good one all through, and the result was 6 goals to nil in our favour.

AN IRISHMAN.

An Irishman of the name of Mike Murphy had become shockingly addicted to strong drink. His home became very miserable, the chief sufferer being Biddy, his wife. After putting up with Mike for a long time, her patience was at length exhausted. In despair, she went and explained the position to the parish priest. "Well," said that worthy, "tell him that if he doesn't reform I'll turn him into a rat." "Shure, an' it's no good me telling him at all, your riverence; it's no notice of me he takes whatever. Will you please come an' tell him yerself?" So to Mike's residence the good priest repaired, and duly warned Mike that if he did not give up the whisky he would turn him into a rat. After the departure of the priest, Mike was very, very thoughtful, and went to bed looking very worried indeed. In the middle of the night he addressed the partner of his joys and sorrows, and said: "Biddy, me girl, if yer see me growing shmaller and shmaller, an' me whiskers growin' longer and longer, then, for hiven's sake, keep an eye on the cat."

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First Officer—"We've had to change our drummer." Second Officer "Indeed; why? Didn't he play the drum well?" First Officer—"Oh, yes, he played it well enough, but he got so fat that he couldn't hit in the middle."

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The new chauffeur was hardly a succes.

This was the sixth time the automobile had broken down, and night was now approaching, and they were 10 miles from the nearest house.

"Nothin' kin be did. Yez'll have to git out an' walk," the chauffeur announced, as he crawled from underneath the car.

Groaning, the occupants descended.

"Say, chauffeur, where did you learn your business, anyway?" the owner testily inquired.

Drawing himself up proudly the young man answered—

"Where did I learn it? Why, I took a course o' five lessons in a correspondence school."

Ninety-Third Calendar for July, 1906.

1 S. Marched Varna to Aladin, '54; suffered severely from cholera, fever and dysentery. Territorial scheme introduced. THE NINETY-THIRD became 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 1881.
2 S.
3 M.
4 Tu.
5 W.
6 Th.
7 F. Outbreak of cholera at Peshawar, 1862; ninety-three deaths.
8 S.
9. S. Crossed frontier into Waziristan, 1897; very trying march, resulting in two deaths and many cases of sunstroke.
10 M.
11 Tu.
12 W.
13 Th.
14 F. Arrived Datta Khel, joining 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, 1897.
15 S. Chatham to Windsor, thence to Devonport, 1853. Landed Portsmouth from Crimea 1856, to Aldershot.
16 S. Reviewed at Aldershot by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 1856; Officers 93rd, Guests of Officers 94th at Ahmednagar, 1905.
17 M. Montreal to Quebec, 1846. Glengarry Bonnets with dice ordered to be worn, Horse Guards order, 1851.
18 Tu. Lines of Regiment visited by Queen Victoria and Princess Royal, 1856.
19 W. Establishment (Service Coys.) raised to 58 Sgts., 20 Drs., 1,000 R. and F., 1854.
20 Th. Advance of 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, on Sheranni, 1897.
21 F.
22 S. Reconnaissance of Maizar Kots, 1897. Lieut.-Col. G. L. J. Goff relinquished command of 2nd Battalion, 1899, to 1st Battalion. John Hasluk Campbell assumed command, 1899.
23 S. Arrived Dover from Aldershot, 1856. Pipers' doublets changed from red to green. Lieut.-Col. W. S. Mills relinquished command, 1890. "G" Company win Physical Drill Shield, 1904.
24 M. Col. P. D. Trotter assumed command, 1890, Col. Trotter relinquished command, 1894. Lieut.-Col. J. D. Fetherstonhaugh relinquished command, 1898.
25 Tu. Lieut.-Col. Fetherstonhaugh assumed command, 1894. Lieut.-Col G. L. J. Goff assumed command, 1898.
26 W. Second outbreak cholera, 1862 Advance of 1st Brigade, Tochi Field Force, on Maizar, 1897; destruction of Kots commenced. Battalion visited by H.E. Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay, Poona, 1905.
27 Th. Lieut.-Col. MacGregor to half-pay, 1838; Robert Spark, Lieut.-Col., 1838.
28 F.
29 S. Inspection at Canterbury, and Colours presented by Duke of Wellington, C.-in C., 1834.
30 S. Embarked at Cork for Cape of Good Hope, 1805.
31 M. Horse Guards Circular ordering Sergeants to carry fusils instead of Pikes, 1830. Gold substituted for silver lace, 1830. White clothing for Regimental Bands, 1830.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant on the Unattached list.

No. 6418, Pte. J. McKenzie, (Serving with the Band of H. E. The Governor of Bombay)

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of "B" Company.

No. 5736 Sergeant G. M. McQueen, "F" Coy.

To be Assistant Regimental Instructor in Gymnastics.

No. 6397, Lce.-Cpl. J. Wright, "E" Company

To be Provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 7467, Pte. J. McLuckie, "C" Coy. dated 23rd May
,, 4949, ,, J. Chalmers, "E" ,,

To be temporary Lance Corporals while employed on police duty.

No. 7171, Pte. T. Vallance, "B" Company
,, 7177, ,, W. Reid, "D" ,,

To be Drummers.

No. 9930, Boy H. Blake, "A" Company } dated 9th
,, 9836, ,, J. Turnbull, "D" ,, } May.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 7698, Lce.-Cpl. W. McCorkell, "D" Company dated 7th May
,, 7888, ,, W. Hilton, "D" Company dated 11th May

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

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"A" Company.

No. 8015, Pte. W. Taylor | No. 7991, Pte. P. Willmore
No. 8041, Private W. Weir

"B" Company.

No. 7942, Pte. J. Campbell. | No. 8031, Pte. G. Hughes

"F" Company.

No. 8209, Lce.-Cpl. S. Weller

"G" Company.

No. 6420, Private T. Foster

Class I at Sixpence.

No. 6990, Private. H. Leinster, "B" Company.
,, 4417, ,, J. Riddell, "C" ,,
,, 9055, ,, W. Davidson, "C" ,,
,, 9587, ,, W. Maxwell, "E" ,,
,, 9412, ,, J. Robertson, "G" ,,
,, 9427, ,, R. Adam, "G" ,,

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

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No. 5107, Private E. McMenemy, "B" Company
,, 5065, ,, H. Halkerston, "B" ,,

Granted two Good Conduct Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 8015, Pte. W. Taylor | No. 6996, Pte. A. Reid
No. 9451, Pte. J. Wilson | No. 8041, Pte. W. Weir

"B" Company.

No. 7942, Pte. J. Campbell | No. 7372, Pte. A. Paton

"C" Company.

No. 8017, Private J. Blackburn

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No. 6878, Private P. Scrymgeour

"F" Company.

No. 6930, Private R. Paterson

"G" Company.

No. 6938, Pte. W. Forson | No. 6943, Pte. D. Morrison
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Granted one good Conduct Badge.

No. 9430, Private J. Sharp, "C" Company
,, 9431, do. W. Russell, "D" ,,
,, 8209, Lce-Corpl. S. Weller, "F" ,,
,, 9435, Private J. Lees, "F" ,,
,, 9382, ,, J. McDonald, "G" ,,
,, 9427, ,, R. Adam, "G" ,,
,, 9439, ,, W. Glaister, "G" ,,

CERTIFICATES.

Granted 2nd Class Certificate of Education dated Purandhar, 1st May.

No. 9303, Private J. Laurie, "C" Company

The undermentioned are granted 3rd Class Certificates of Education dated Poona 7th May

"A" Company

No. 9616 Lce-Corpl. W. Beattie. | No. 6829 Pte. Cameron
,, 7729 Pte. W. Duncan | ,, 8357 ,, Forrest

"B" Company.

No. 7138 Lce.-Corpl. A. Cowie | No. 7104 Pte. W. Smith
,, 9343 Pte. D. Wilson | ,, 8031 ,, G. Hughes
No. 9946 Boy J. Hastie.

"C" Company.

No, 9091 Pte. J. Main | No. 8194 Pte. J. Fleming

"E" Company.

No. 7585 Pte. L. Davidson | No. 9175 Pte. H. Bridges
,, 7516 ,, P. Paton | ,, 8975 ,, J. Paxton
,, 9590 ,, G. Falconar | ,, 9901 Dr. A. Miller

"F" Company.

No. 8209 Lce-Corpl. S. Weller | No. 9598 Pte. A. Nicol
,, 7549 Pte. D. Edie | ,, 8838 ,, T. McDonald
No. 9413 Pte. T. Gordon

"G" Company.

No. 7744 Pte. H. Alexander | No. 7730 Pte. T. Lawson
,, 9421 ,, D. Fraser. | ,, 8135 ,, G. Thomson
,, 9412 ,, J. Robertson | ,, 7956 ,, J. Stewart
,, 9081 ,, W. McCandly | ,, 9441 ,, W. Harris
,, 9964 Boy S. Taylor | ,, 9927 Boy H. Smith

"H" Company.

No. 7979 Pte. W. Downie | No. 9545 Pte. J. Debourgh
No. 9155 Pte. W. Byeroft.

Dated Purandhar, 1st May.

No. 8425, Pte. R. Howieson, "F" Company

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Granted Certificate for Gymnastics and Swordsmanship dated Poona 8th February.

No. 7498, Lce.-Cpl. W. McCorkell, "D" Company

Granted Military Telegraphy Certificates.

No. 7856, Private G. Smith
,, 8059, ,, W. McLay } "D" Company
,, 7070, ,, A. Bain
,, 6863, ,, T. Gamble, "A" ,,

Passed Course of Cold-Shoeing.

No. 6172, Lce.-Cpl F. Eite, "G" Company

Granted Certificate of Stripping of Small Arms.

No. 6603, Sergeant S. Hayward "A" Company

MISCELLANEOUS.

To be employed in Officers' Mess.

No. 8281, Lce.-Cpl. J. Tunstall, "F" Company

Granted Signallers Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 7203 Pte. J. Robertson | No. 8178 Pte. J. Campbell

"B" Company.

No. 5472 Pte. J. Robertson | No. 5410 Pte. H. Batholomew
,, 7436 ,, A. Faulds | ,, 7844 ,, J. Kiddie
,, 7675 ,, A. Miller | ,, 7942 ,, W. Campbell

"C" Company.

No. 5117 Lce.-Cpl. S. McVea | No. 7858 Pte. C. Morrison

"D" Company.

No. 5291 Lce.-Sgt. R. Tawse | No. 7704 L.-Cpl. T. Jack.
No. 7650 Pte. D. Cassidy

"E" Company.

No. 4571 Cpl. J. Hiddles | No. 6768 Pte. A. Peebles
No 6810 Pte. J. Meek

"G" Company.

No. 5327 Private H. West

"H" Company.

No. 5733 Pte. J. Dawson No. 7724 Pte. T. Bond.
No. 7720 Pte. J. Cassidy

Granted Messing allowance.

No. 9778, Private W. McDonald, "G" Company

RE-ENGAGEMENTS & EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Permitted to continue beyond 21 years.

No. 2144, Cr.-Sgt. F. W. Clarke, "A" Company.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years service.

No. 5849, Sergeant F. Walker, "D" Company
,, 5408, Lce.-Sgt. A. Ewing, "E" ,,
,, 5390, Corporal A. Stewart, "F" ,,
,, 5253, Private R. McGibbon, "B" ,,
,, 5288, ,, W. Stewart, "E" ,,

Extended to complete 12 years with the Colours.

No. 6981, Private W. Johnstone, "B" Company.
,, 7372, ,, A. Paton, "B" ,,

Extended to complete 9 years with the Colours.

No. 5482, Private E. Hyde, "B" Company
,, 9412, ,, J. Robertson, "G" ,,
,, 9431, ,, W. Russell, "D" ,,
,, 7713, ,, W. Dow, "H" ,,

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Struck off Strength.

No. 4218, Private W. Hughes, "D" Company
,, 5065, ,, F. Halkerston, "B" ,,

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company.

No. 9930, Drummer, H. Blake, "A" to "E" Company
,, 9836, ,, J. Turnbull, "D" to "F" ,,
,, 9216, Piper A. Milton, "G" to "B" ,,
,, 9459, Drummer H. Martin, "A" to "B" ,,

To 29th Battery R.F.A.

No. 7372, Private A. Paton, "B" Company

FURLOUGHS.

The undermentioned are granted furloughs as stated:—

No 2225, Bd. Sgt A. Peggie, 13th May to 26th May 1906
,, 7822, Private J. Stephen, 18th ,, ,, 18th July ,,
,, 8880, ,, J. Meighan } 7th May to 31st May ,,
,, 9142, ,, F. Lennon }
,, 8010, ,, W. McQueen, 15th May to 15th June ,,
,, 5340, ,, W. Fogg, 17th ,, 17th July ,,
,, 5194, ,, H. Brown, 8th ,, 30th June ,,
,, 5229, ,, W. Saunders, 1st ,, 30th June ,,
,, 6806, Lce.-Cpl. P. Tate, 21st ,, 21st July ,,
,, 9199, ,, A. Maun, 14th ,, 31st May ,,
,, 5134, B'man R. Lightbody, 15th ,, 31st ,, ,,
,, 9090, Pte. A. Petrie, 1st ,, 30th June ,,

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

SIM.—At Poona on the 24th day of May 1906, to the wife of Sergeant J. Sim, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a son, *James*.

REID.—At Poona on the 24th day of May 1906, to the wife of Corporal J. Reid, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter, *Jessie*.

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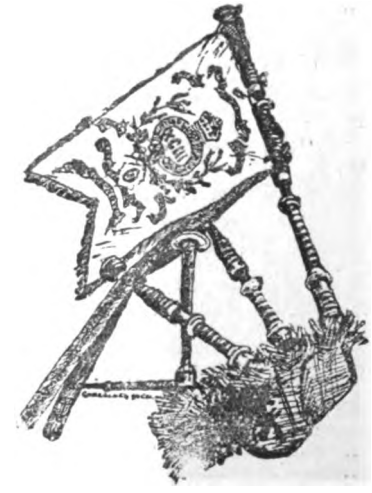

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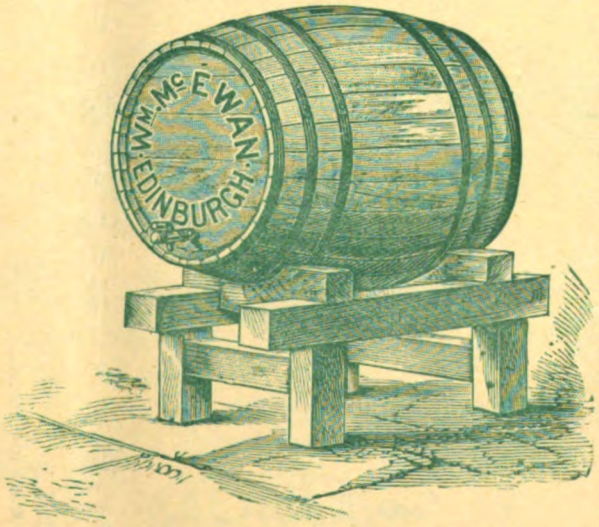

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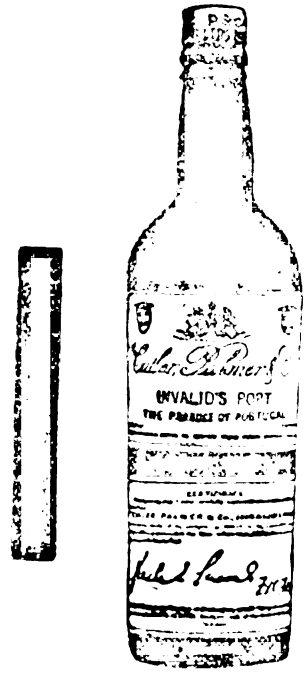

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SKIRLS

The beginning of the month brought the monsoon to Poona, the "burst" taking place on Wednesday 6th June just as one of the football league matches was concluded, and consequently there was a rather hurried move towards shelter. The storm was excessive while it lasted, the thunder being particularly close, and the wind and rain caused a fair amount of damage in and around barracks, part of the roof of the Band Bungalow being torn off. Since the break we have had rain every day—fortunately (?) mostly out of parade hours, and at the moment of writing nearly eleven inches have been recorded.

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While we can congratulate ourselves on retaining excellent health in this trying season, our station comrades, the East Lancashires, have been made the subject of an experiment to prove whether their barracks are responsible for the excessive mortality in past years. The whole battalion has therefore been moved under canvas near Yerrowda, and as the duties in Poona have had to be found by us since then, "E" Company were rather hurriedly ordered to rejoin headquarters from Kirkee

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Owing to the cold weather setting in with the rains, serge clothing has been ordered into wear and for those whose duty calls them out early, the change is acceptable.

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Company training still proceeds, "F" Company having almost finished their Musketry course and "A" Company their gymnastic course. "C" Company and "B" Company will respectively follow on after "F" and "A".

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The Poona social season would appear to be in full swing now, every day witnessing some interesting military or civic event. The battalion furnished a guard of honour of 100 rank and file under Captain Macdonald and Lieutenants Thomson and Fenzi on the occasion of His Excellency the Governor's Reception on 27th June. The Band and Pipes were also in attendance and the following officers were present:

Lieut.-Colonel Paterson; Majors Mackenzie and Vallancey; Captains Maclean and Elphinston; Lieutenants J. Kennedy, Forbes, Falconar-Stewart, Maclaine and Porteous.

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Before proceeding home on leave, General Sir A. Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O., inspected the battalion

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on the maidan on Friday 8th June. At 7 A. M. on that day we paraded as strong as possible in drill order and after the General had passed along the line, we closed up and were informed that the inspecting officer was particularly pleased with our appearance. We understand Major-General H. L. Smith-Dorrien C.B., D.S.O., commanding the Quetta Division, will command in the absence of General Hunter.

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The Birthday of His Majesty the King Emperor was celebrated in Poona on Friday 29th June. The battalion, under Major Mackenzie, paraded on the general parade ground at 8 A. M. and formed part of the Second Brigade under Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson. After the *feu-de-joie* the different troops marched past Major-General Richardson, Commanding the Sixth Division, and reforming, advanced in review order. The appearance of the Ninety-third in review order with the new white topi covers was excellent, and favourably commented upon by the large crowd of spectators.

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Lieutenant R. R. Forbes has been nominated as our representative on the committee of the Divisional Assault-at-Arms.

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The Reverend Alan Cant, B.Sc., B.D., writing in the June supplement to "Life and Work" intimates his going home to Scotland on leave for fifteen months, and that so far as we are concerned it will mean good-bye, as the battalion will be in South Africa ere his return. We are all very sorry to part with our esteemed padre as he has been continually with us since our arrival in Poona in November 1903, and though his sermons were sometimes a thorn in the side of a few of his hearers, still the straight-forward manner in which he dealt with the many evils which beset the solders' life made him popular with all ranks. This was particularly evident by the good attendance at the evening services. We take the opportunity of wishing Mrs. Cant and himself a enjoyable holiday, and to his successor, the Rev. Mr. Drummond-Gordon, B.Sc., B.D., a hearty welcome to that one time parish, the Ninety-third Highlanders.

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On the occasion of the King's Birthday dinner given by H. E. the Governor at Government House, among the guests were Lieutenant-Colonel Paterson and the Rev. Mr. Cant.

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We understand that Captain Hyslop, Ninety-third Highlanders, Superintendent of Gymnasia, Umballa, is transferred to Lucknow in the same capacity.

A meeting of the council of the Queen Victoria Memorial School for the sons of Scottish Soldiers and Sailors was held in Edinburgh recently, Lord Dunedin presiding. It was reported that £44,117 had been subscribed, and that after conferences with the War Office plans had been adopted and tenders received, so that the necessary steps for proceeding with the erection of the building at Dunblane would now be taken

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A recently published illustrated souvenir of the visit of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales to India, contains a photograph of the Ninety-third Highlanders marching past at the Secunderabad review, and from it the world in general learns that we are "the Argyle and Sutherland *shire* Highlanders."

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The Members of the Non-commissioned Officers' mess were to have met the N.C.O.'s of the Royal Artillery at Kirkee in a Hockey match, but "Jupiter Pluvius" (Don't know him.—Ed.) proved so unfavourable that the match had to be abandoned. It was decided however to bring it off on the War Game principle and an adjournment was accordingly made to the comfort of the mess. After "lubricating," the Chairman rose to order and announced that a concert would be the order of the evening, and the resulting exhibition of talent would have surprised old nick himself. From the programme which was published in the local press it would appear that the songs were very varied, ranging from "Home Sweet Home" to "Glorious Beer," and after an enjoyable evening and a barrel of McEwan's had been passed the singing of "Auld Acquaintance" brought the meeting to a close, leaving the participants to find their respective roads, a somewhat difficult task, as one individual in trying to take the centre of one of three roads he saw found himself in the ditch.

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Sergeant-Major L. Hutton has, after nearly thirty years service, retired from the Ninety-first and has, we learn, been succeeded by Quarter-Master Sergeant Potter whom our readers may remember left the Ninety-third after the return of the battalion from the Tochi Campaign.

On the occasion of Sergeant-Major Hutton's departure from the Battalion, the Members of the Sergeant's mess gathered together at a farewell smoker in Chatham Barracks. Sergeant-Major Potter occupied the chair and the following officers attended out of respect to the retiring Warrant Officer: Major Irvine, Captains Campbell, Kirke, and Watson, and Lieutenants Cuthbertson, Stirling, Sprot and Wilson.

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From the Members of the Mess Sergeant-Major Hutton was presented with a handsome carved side-board and an overmantel, and from the Officers he received a cameo scarf pin. Excellent speeches in appreciatory terms were made regarding Sergeant-Major Hutton's services and an interesting musical programme was carried through.

The retiral of Sergeant-Major Hutton reduces the number of those possessing the old and new South Africa Medals and still serving to three, Captain Williamson, the popular Quarter-master of the Royal Renfrewshires, Sergeant-Major Lindsay and Colour Sergeant Newport being the proud possessors of both medals.

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The Editor is prepared to purchase copies of the March 1906 issue of *the Thin Red Line*. Will anyone with a copy to spare kindly communicate with the Manager as early as possible?

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The Regimental Games Club having narrowly escaped the bankruptcy court, owing to the impossibility of making gymnastics and boxing self supporting concerns, reopened, on the 4th July, with a completely new programme. Their motto is now "Pay or bust," and they started in a blaze of glory, with a dance on the evening of the 4th July. Henceforth it is to become a species of Variety Entertainment Club, where dancing and boxing, gymnastics and concerts, company "at homes," and bayonet fighting, will go hand in hand, and where the non-members will be rigorously excluded.

We wish it every success in its sporting venture.

Hockey.

"B" Coy. 93rd Hrs. versus, 41st Battery R. F. A.

"B" had as their guests at the Regimental Hockey pitch, the Artillery from Kirkee. The ground was in splendid condition and quite a number of spectators witnessed the game, as the opposition football match on the same evening did not materially affect the result of the league.

The game was a fast one all through, and "B," who may fairly lay claim to being the pioneers of hockey in the regiment, played a splendid open game. The play in the first ten minutes was kept mainly in the visitor's end, and Swan, from a pass from Mr. Tarbotton, had first goal for "B." The Artillery would not be denied however, and scored twice during the first half. Our Schoolmaster was slightly injured during the first half, and returned after a rest, limping badly. "B's" second goal fell to him, and shortly afterwards Ballantyne followed with a third, leaving "B" winners at full time, the score standing "B" 3 goals, R.F.A. 2 goals. Referees, Corpl. Band, R.F.A, Corpl. Ellis, 93rd.

Cross-Country Racing.

This excellent pastime has been revived with the incoming of the cooler weather, and each race has witnessed a good start, in one case as many as forty competitors turning out. The wet heavy ground has hindered fast running but with practice better times will be recorded and a proposal to have a match between company teams is looked forward to with satisfaction. Major Mackenzie assisted by other officers acted as judges and markers at the different points on the courses. The first race took place on 9th June, the course being from the Pioneer's Shop to Gibbet Hill *via* Bakri Hill then back to starting point. A separate race for boys with a course from home to Gibbet Hill and back was also run off at the same time. The finish was exceedingly close—Peacock being only a few yards behind Kean, the order being,

1st Piper Kean, "F" Company.
2nd Lce. Cpl. Peacock, "H" Company.
3rd Private Aitcheson, "A" „

Boys.

1st Boy Turnbull, "F" Company.
2nd „ Thorburn, "G" „
3rd „ Hetherington, "D" Company.

The second race witnessed an excellent turnout and although the going must have been heavy owing to the rains, the spectators at the finishing post were treated to a close finish.

The first three to finish came in almost together and had a clear lead over the other competitors of about two minutes, while the fourth and fifth prize-winners appeared to be neck and neck. In the boys' class, Blythe had an easy lead of three minutes over the remainder.

Result.—1st Piper Kean "F" Company.
2nd Lce.-Cpl. Peacock "H" „
3rd Pte. Wilkinson "A" „
4th „ Aitchison "A" „
5th „ Park "G" „

Boys.—1st Boy Blythe,
2nd „ Turnbull,
3rd „ Corbett,
4th „ Millar,
5th „ Aitken.

The third race was run on the road, the country being too sodden for safety, and the course was along the Sholapur Road over the canal and back. A good race with about thirty of a field resulted in the winners being placed as follows:

1st Cpl. C. Campbell, "E" Company.
2nd Piper R. Kean, "A" „
3rd Pte. Campbell. "C" „

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Musketry.

"F" Company's Annual Course.

The weather experienced was decidedly unfavourable to good shooting, but notwithstanding the heavy wind and rain the company has come out of this course very creditably. This is the first time they have fired the 1905 course, and their average will take a good deal of beating.

The competition for company shot was exceptionally keen, at least six being in the running up to the last stage, and Sergeant-Major Ditcham is to be congratulated on again securing first place, but not being allowed by regulation to wear the distinction, Sergeant G. McQueen, who obtained second place, will have the honour of sporting the star for the second year in succession.

The following obtained marksman :—

Captain A. Elphinston	
Sergeant-Major Ditcham.	
Sergeant G. M. McQueen.	Company Shot.
Colr.-Sergeant G. Arnott.	Lce.-Cpl. T.Cridland.
Private Bruce.	Private Gordon.
,, McNie.	,, Nicol.
,, Planner.	,, Scambler.
Cpl. Mathieson.	Lce.-Cpl. Smith.

No. of Marksmen 13. No. of First class shots 26. Second class 38. Third class 5. Company average 173.

Regimental Shooting Club.

A full programme has been carried through during the month, matches taking place every Thursday. There was a fairly good attendance considering the showery weather prevailing.

Thursday 14th June. Vanishing 3rd Class figure target, Practice 20, Table B.

				Prize.	Rs.
Class A.					
1.	Cpl. Johnstone,	"A" Company	7 Points	..	5
2.	Drummer Allan,	"D" ,,	7 ,,	...	5
Class B.					
1.	Pte. McGlasson,	"D" ,,	12	...	5

Thursday 14th June. 1st Class Target, 600 yards, Practice 15. Table B.

Class A.					
1.	Lce.-Cpl. A. Bowe,	"H" Company	...	..	6
2.	Private Grant,	,, ,,	...	...	6
3.	,, McEachan,	,, ,,	...	...	6
4.	Lce.-Cpl. Hutchinson	"D" ,,	...	...	5
Class B.					
1.	Private McIvor	"F" ,,	...	...	5
2.	,, Henderson,	"C" ,,	...	...	4
3.	,, Robertson,	"H" ,,	...	...	3
4.	,, Caskie,	"H" ,,	...	...	3
5.	,, Douglas,	"G" ,,	...	...	3
Class C.					
1.	Private Stewart,	"A" ,,	...	...	5
2.	,, McLaren,	"F" ,,	...	...	4

Pool Target.

Winners. Lce.-Cpl. Stirling, Privates Ross, Grant, Hay, Wilson, Campbell, Drain, Fletcher, Millar, Kirkland, and Sergeant McQueen.

Thursday, 21st June. Vanishing 3rd Class figure target, Practice 18, Table B.

Class A.					
1.	Cpl. Johnstone,	"A" Coy	Points 14	Rs.	4
Class B.					
1.	Private Davis	"E" ,,	,, 12	,,	3

Thursday 28th June.

Miniature range, Prizes in kind.

Class A.	*Class B.*
1. Private Howieson,	1. Lce.-Cpl. Baxter.
2. ,, McGill	2. ,, Lawson.
3. ,, Howarth	3. Private McLeish.
	4. ,, Nicholson

Class C.

1. Lce.-Cpl. McIntosh.
2. Private McCallum.

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Musketry Limericks.

A marker one day in the butts
Said "This Company can't shoot for nuts,"
So he strolled out in front.
But came down with a grunt
As a bullet got home in his—waistcoat.

There was a bold soldier of "B"
Who said, "Well I'm blest if I see
Why above or below
You just score one or two.
While on right or the left you score three."

A recruit on the range, with a sigh,
Said "I really cannot make out why
I get only a mag,
Or the red and white flag
But I can't get a bull if I try."

Said the Sergeant "Now mind what I say,
As to shoot I will tell you the way,
Aim low on the figure,
Don't snatch at your trigger
And you may be a marksman some day."

Said a marksman one day with some force,
"I can't stick this 'ere bloomin' new ecurse
But I'm open to bet,
That I'll save my guns yet."
But he failed and was filled with remorse.

—*"The Suffolks' Gazette."*

Musketry Sergeant, to man who is decorated with a bandage over his left eye (owing to his incapacity to close it), but who has nevertheless missed the target for the third time in succession: "Now, I wonder what you think you are! Here you come on to the range with one eye tied up, like Nelson at the battle of Waterloo, and yet you can't 'it the target."

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Home and Depot Notes.

The Annual Inspection of the Depo tof the 91st Regimental District by the Brigadier-General Commanding the Highland Grouped Regimental District took place on Monday 11th June 1906. Brigadier General McBean, C. V. O., C. B., accompanied by Staff Captain Gordon, V C., inspected the troops on parade at 10.15. He afterwards inspected the mobilization stores, saw a party of recruits at gymnastics, visited the men's barrack-rooms and institutes, and inspected the books for the past twelve months. He also visited the dining room at the dinner hour. At the parade the troops were under the command of Major Aytoun, D.S.O., the other officers on parade being Captain Darroch, Lieutenant Sceales, and Lieutenant Maclean.

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The recruits of the 3rd Battalion (Princess Louise's) Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Highland Borderers Militia) assembled at Stirling on 11th June, and along with a number of dutymen, reservists, etc., proceeded to Barry Camp for a fortnight's training previous to the assembling of the battalion. The party, which numbered 105, was rather smaller than usual, there having been a falling-off in the recruiting returns since the year commenced. The medical examination of the recruits was conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel Greig. The officers who went into camp yesterday were Captain Moulton-Barrett, Captain Gordon, Captain Beattie, Lieutenant Ure, and Second-Lieutenant Bennett. The staff returns on 25th June for the assembling of the regiment.

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At Broadstone, in the second round of the Army Golf Cup competition. the First Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders beat the Royal Warwickshire Regiment by 17 holes to nil. For the Highlanders, Lieutenant W. A. Henderson defeated Captain Lee by 4 holes, Lieutenant F. G. G. Cunninghame defeated Lieutenant Browling by 1 hole, Lieutenant N. Thomson defeated Captain Nevill by 8 holes, and Captain R. C. Gore defeated Lieutenant East by 4 holes.

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It is satisfactory to hear that the abolition of the schools of mounted infantry at Salisbury and in Ireland is not to be permitted to effect the continued training of that branch of the service. The training will in future be carried on to a great extent regimentally. Units will train their own sections of mounted infantry locally when not trained at the Aldershot School. Sections of mounted infantry will therefore be formed in connection with each battalion of Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line, and a proportion of cobs—it is stated thirty per regiment to all home units. In these circumstances there is no necessity to lament the abolition of the Salisbury and Irish Schools of Instruction. The system of making infantry units responsible for the training of their own mounted infantry is, in the opinion of some, infinitely preferable.

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A recently published War Office order decides that the use of a whistle, in timed practices, on a rifle range when more than one party is practising, being liable to lead to confusion, "Words of Command" may be substituted in such cases.

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Volunteers at home are busy at present with the preliminary competitions before proceeding to the N.R.A. Meeting at Bisley. In the Scottish Twenty (Stirlingshire District) the following were the prizewinners.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd	Best two
Seniors.				
Gold Cross—John M'Callum, 4th V.B.A.S.H.....	—	97	98	195
Silver Cross—Cpl. H. Briton, 4th V.B.A.S.H	95	89	97	192
Bronze Cross—Sgt. J. Bennie, 4th V.B.A.S.H.....	95	92	91	187
Juniors.				
Silver Cross—Sgt.-Instr. J. Brown, 4th V.B.A.S.H.....	91	88	89	180
Bronze Cross—D Simpson, 4th V.B.A.S.H.....	86	81	88	174

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The Army Council has decided to establish an observatory at Aldershot, and contractors are now busy erecting the building. The site chosen is in the South Camp, near the headquarter offices. When the building is completed a powerful telescope will be mounted, and the study of the stars will begin in earnest. The observatory will be in charge of the Royal Engineers, and it is expected that officers will assemble periodically for instruction. Astronomical observations are of great importance in warfare by night, and Sir John French has already given it as his opinion that the important military operations of the future will be performed in darkness. It will be remembered that Lord Wolseley was guided by the stars when he made his famous march to Tel-el-Kebir. The number of officers in the service who could perform a similar work with any accuracy is at present comparatively small.

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A return issued by the War Office shows that the military expenditure of the principal countries of the world was as follows in 1904-1905:—Russia, £38,481,784; Germany, £32,241,627; United Kingdom, £31,559,638; France,

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£27,398,743 ; United States, £23,168,773 ; India £20,175,694 ; Austria and Hungary, £17,595,072: Italy, £11,451,340 ; Japan and Germany exclude extraordinary war expenditure, and those of Germany and the United States exclude the cost of pensions. The total military expenditure of the British Colonies and dependencies and Egypt amounted to £11,749,963, of which £7,289,553 fell upon the Imperial Exchequer.

A. & S. Highlander's Association.

Since the notice appeared in our columns inviting serving members of the battalion to join the Regimental Association, the company agents of the *Thin Red Line* have been at work securing names, with the result that the following numbers have subscribed towards membership.

Company.	*Glasgow Branch.*	*Edinburgh Branch.*	*Total.*
A.	40	33	73
B.	61	36	97
C.	42	5	47
D.	41	18	59
E.	87	26	113
F.	44	22	66
G.	58	13	71
H.	74	24	98
	447	177	624

We cannot but feel gratified at the ready response to our appeal, and the willingness of all ranks to subscribe proves that so far as the Ninety-third is concerned, *esprit-de-corps* is not the extinct factor a good many military critics would have us believe. The total sum remitted amounted to £31-4-0, of which £22-7-0 will be given to the Glasgow Branch and £8-17-0 to the Edinburgh. Nominal Rolls of all subscribers were sent to the Presidents the Associations showing to which Branch the men belonged, together with a request that Membership Cards be sent for each subscriber.

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The "Saturday Review" tells a true story of War Office economy. A certain regiment, quartered at a considerable distance from the point from which its stores are sent to it is obliged according to his equipment list to have forty-eight fuses, presumably for the ignition of fuses connected with explosives. It was found upon an occasion not long ago that that the regiment was short of these fuses, and this was duly reported to the proper authority. Accordingly two boxes of fuses were despatched, and as they are looked upon as explosives, they had according to regulation to be packed in a large copper receptacle of considerable weight. The size and weight of the canister are such that it is estimated the cost of its journey to and fro may be anywhere between five and ten shillings: the two boxes of fusees on the other hand might have been purchased locally at a penny each.

Lieutenant Colonel W. A. Logie, whose photograph we give above, is the Commanding Officer of the 91st Canadian Highlanders, our allied Battalion and a description of which appeared in a recent issue. On another page we give a reproduction of a photo of some of the principal members of the Sergeants' Mess.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the Regimental Dinner Club was held at the Cape Royal, London, on 22nd June 1906. The chair was occupied by the Colonel-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General J. Sprot, and the other officers present were:—

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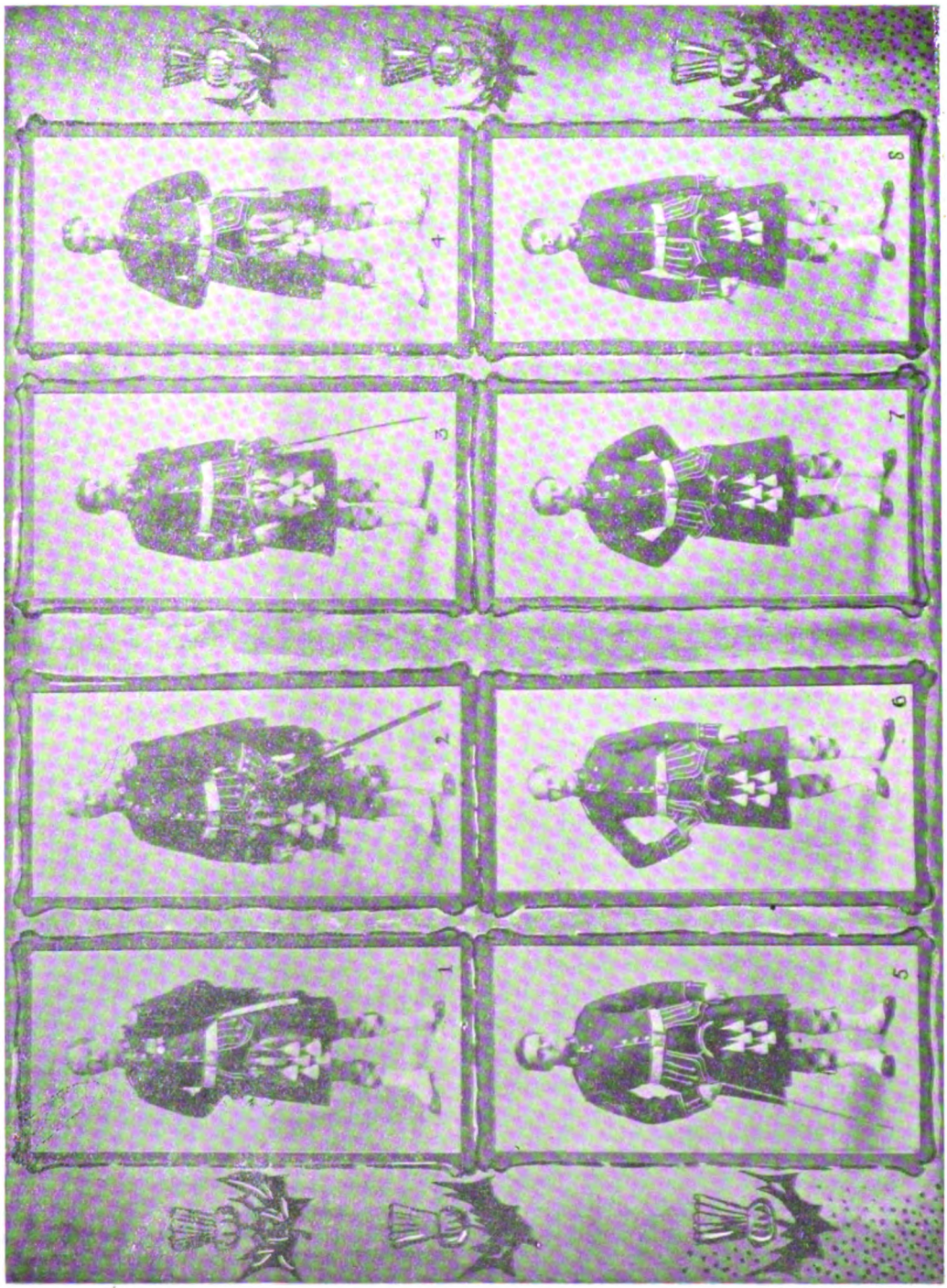

SOME MEMBERS OF THE SERGEANTS' MESS, 91ST CANADIAN HIGHLANDERS.

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Colonels—V. Chater, J. H. Campbell, A. Wilson, C.B. J. Wolrige-Gordon and D. Henderson, D.S.O. *Lieut.-Colonels*—J. Murray, (formerly surgeon 93rd) G. Collings, A.P.D. *Majors*, Bertie Gordon, J. C. Cuninghame (late 4th Bn.) A. Sutherland, T. Irvine, A. Patten, R. L'E. McKerrell, A. Aytoun, D.S.O, and G. Wymer. *Captains*, H L. Henderson, H. B. Kirk, I. Watson, G. Thorpe, F. J. Richardson, D.S.O., N. Malcolm, D.S.O., D. J Glasford and R. C. Gore. *Lieutenants*, B. Lang, G. Sceales, W. G. Neilson, D.S.O., K. Laird, W. Henderson, J. R. Couper, A. Wilson, A. Stirling, and A. Sprot.

The Chairman proposed "The King" and "H. R. H. The Princess Louise," the toast being enthusiastically given with Highland Honours.

The Honorary Secretary then proceeded to read the Balance sheet of the Club and intimated that since the last Dinner six deserving soldiers and widows of soldiers had been recipients of charity from their funds. All the cases assisted had been thoroughly investigated and vouched for by parish ministers and others as really needing assistance.

Lieutenant-General Sprot then proposed "The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders" and in the course of his speech said,

"I am glad to be here to-night that I may have an opportunity of redeeming my promise to give the Regiment a piece of plate as a memento. I had some difficulty in finding something worthy of your tables, but I have here (shown on table) a cup which I trust you will like, designed by a very clever young artist of Elkingtons. It is quite original and of refined taste. I propose to present one each to the 1st and 2nd Battalions, the old 91st and 93rd - and as there is nothing so desirable as to improve the shooting of the army generally, I further propose that these cups shall be shot for each year and that the winners and dates shall be engraved on the cup or base.

I propose also, that the trials of skill shall be somewhat the same as those under which the "Evelyn Wood" Cup is shot for annually at Bisley, and perhaps the Colonels Commanding the two Battalions will give me a committee of officers to work out the details. I hope the cups will adorn the Mess tables by the time autumn manœuvres are over, so that the donor may be remembered when the festive season comes round."

The General's speech was received with enthusiasm, and Colonel Wolrige-Gordon for the Ninety-first and Colonel Campbell for the Ninety-third expressed their appreciation of their Colonel-in-Chief's kindness.

General Sprot's health was then cordially drank.

The Committee were unanimously re-elected for another year.

Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

No. 2336, Private Roderick Munro.

Enlisted at Tain, 1848, for the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, and served with the Regiment until invalided in 1857 after about ten years service. He accompanied the Regiment to the Crimea as one of the Grenadier company and took part in the Battle of Alma, (at which he was slightly wounded in the hand), battle of Ba aklava, expeditions to Kertch and Yenikale, and the seige and capture of Sebastopol. Has the Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol, also the Turkish medal. Mr. Munro, who is a native of Tain, Ross-shire, has, since his discharge served with the Lanarkshire County Police for about 25 years, retiring with the rank of Sub-Inspector. He is now 80 years of age and enjoyed, up till quite recently, remarkably robust health. However, it is characteristic of the vigour which still animates the veteran that he hopes soon to be about again in his usual good health. We hope so too, and that the hospitable old Highlander may have a few more years of health and happiness before him still.

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No. 2516, Private Alexander Steel.

Enlisted for 93rd Sutherland Highlanders at Kirkcaldy on the 20th December 1849, and was discharged by purchase at Dover on the 16th February 1857, after the return of the Regiment from the Crimean War. Served with the Regiment during the whole of the Crimean Campaign, taking part in the battles of Alma and Balaklava, the siege and capture of Sebastopol, the expeditions to Kertch and Yenikale, etc Has the Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol, also the Turkish medal.

Belonged to No. 6—the present "D" Company. This gallant old veteran of the "Thin Red Line," who is now 75 years of age, is still in employment, a tribute to the remarkable stamina of the men who enlisted for the 93rd half a century ago. He is a native of the Parish of

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Markinch, Fife, and now resides in his native country at Crosshill Bridge, Lochore, in the mining district of Fife. Since his return to civilian employment he has had no fewer than three accidents. He is now employed as watchman at Glencraig Colliery and enjoys fairly good health. The kindest wishes for much happiness in his declining years go to this fine old veteran from the present generation of his old corps.

Inter-Company Football League.

"*C*" *v.* "*B.*" "*C*" had matters pretty much to themselves in this match and took things rather easy. Their outside men had most of the play and kept "B's" halves fairly on the tackle. "B," however, managed to score a point, but, as "C" had rather a decent lead, this caused them no uneasiness and they won comfortably, the score at full time being "C" 4, "B" 1.

"*G*" *v.* "*E.*" Both teams were fully represented, and the game, which was fast from start to finish, was only won by the odd goal. "E" naturally expected to climb away with full points, but "G" are rather a curious lot, and their players have improved wonderfully during the league, their outside left especially being a decided acquisition to the team. Even with a goal down "E" played doggedly and bombarded "G's" goal during the second half, but the latter intended sticking to their advantage and threw away no chances. Result "G" 1, "E" 0.

"*E*" *v.* "*D.*" These teams again tried conclusions, but, as the ground was in a wretched condition, the players naturally enough could not do themselves justice as far as a display of football was concerned. Both teams had out their strongest players, if we except Elliot who was absent from "E's" middle rank. "E" attacked early and just missed scoring, Cameron sending past by inches. From the bye-kick "D's" forwards got well away but Oribine dispossessed Galbraith just in the act of sending across one of his dangerous centres. Play was then confined to mid-field and merged into a kick-when-you-can sort of game. Half time 0—0. The second half turned out to be even more uninteresting than the first, as the ground, by the incessent trampling of feet, was turned into a regular quagmire. Cameron of "E" had rather a nice run for Green, but slipped when he had just reached the dangerous zone. Each team had several good tries, but the goal-keepers had no difficulty in disposing of the shots, the shooters being scarcely able to punt the ball more than a few yards. Result: no scoring.

"*F*" *v.* "*A.*" The ground was in poor condition this evening also, but nevertheless both teams were anxious to have it out, and the game was gone on with. "F's" halves played a strong game, and "A's" quintette had a nasty time of it in the mud. Both teams scored once, the draw being a most satisfactory result.

"*H*" *v.* "*B*" "B" had again to admit defeat, "H" capturing the points after a one-sided game. "B" played up pluckily but "H's" backs were ever on the alert and drove them back repeatedly. Result: "H" 3, "B" 0.

"*G*" *v.* "*C.*" Another surprise for "C," whom everyone expected would add another two points to their total. "G" played a grand attacking game all through the first half, "C" only having an occasional look in. The latter pressed continually during the second stage of the game, but could gain no advantage, the condition of the ground completely spoiling any attempt at shooting. Result: a draw, no scoring.

"*F*" *v.* "*D.*" The meeting between those two teams was looked forward to with more than usual interest, as, if "F" succeeded in coming out on top, it would enhance "A's" chances of being the eventual league winners. The ground, as was the case in the previous five or six matches, scarcely lent itself to anything like scientific football, and a description of the game in detail is hardly necessary. It was simply a case of a player kicking the ball when and how he could, and avoiding wallowing in the mud himself. "D" had if anything, the best of matters, especially in the second half, although "F" had rather hard lines, some of the rushes for which their front rank is famed looking rather dangerous at times. Both teams failed to score however, and each had to be content with a point.

"*H*" *v.* "*A.*" Fortunately the ground was in tip-top condition for this game, which was really one of the best witnessed during the tournament. Both teams turned out fully represented and the play was of the order that suited the spectators "A" started the ball against a stiff breeze and kept "H's" defenders on the move for a considerable time. Twice in succession "A's" forwards had the goal at their mercy, but their own eagerness baulked them. Their halves were playing a splendid game both in attack and defence, Robertson especially putting in some good work, his method of tackling and placing commending him to everyone who had even a crude idea of the game. It was by the hardest of hard luck that "A" were robbed of a goal late in the first half. Miller, who was playing football all through, indulged in one of his tricky dribbles, and after tricking "Sparrow," crossed beautifully, Lamie spanked the ball with his "Little Wooden Nut," and it (the ball, not his little wooden nut) just grazed the crossbar, to the natural consternation of "Pila Troop's" supporters, and the delight of "D's"

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who were uproariously "en evidence" that evening. "H" were making strenuous efforts to beat the hitherto invincible "Henry," and their efforts were at last rewarded "Geordie" slipped the ball to Blake about midfield, and that player, dodging the backs, ran it right up to goal, and beat Allan with a well judged shot on the run. "A" then took up the play, but their shots were either too high or too wide, and caused Daily no anxiety. "H"—1, "A"—0.

"E" v. "B" This was the first game to be played on our new venue, the usual football ground having been "Placed out of Bounds," "E" completely bottled "B" up during the first half, but Ballantyne, who was playing good, showed that he is as proficient a punter with his "dukes" as with his feet, and saved many a nasty shot. Injuries to players seemed to be of frequent occurrence, Corpl. Campbell being the first victim, but as he only seemed to be winded he soon resumed his place. Robertson of "E" was the next, and was forced to retire for good, then one of "B's" players who had seriously injured his knee, had to be assisted off the field. Honours were even at half time, but in the second half, Cameron, with one of his characteristic rushes, beat Ballantyne. Birrell almost added a second, the ball rebounding from the crossbar. Result, "E"—1, "B"—0.

"H" v. "C" Both teams turned out fairly strong, and notwithstanding the heavy ground, play was much faster than in the previous matches. Blake of "H" was the first to draw blood, beating "C's" custodian early in the game. Lapsley notched the equaliser towards the end of the second half. Fleming brought the ball well up the touch line in his usual tricky style, and Lapsley, accepting the cross as beautifully, placed the sphere well out of Baily's reach. From the centre kick "H" pressed, but were repulsed till McLuckie from about 30 yards, out placed well into the net with a well judged dropping shot. Result "H"—2, "C" 1.

"G" v. "D" Both teams seemed loth to play that evening, but, as the referee considered the ground playable, a start was eventually made. "G" fairly surprised everyone by their play, especially against such a strong team as "D" and the game was fully value for a division of honours. Both teams attacked in turn and it was only by sheer good luck that disaster was averted by either team, a very even game ended in a draw, there being no scoring.

LEAGUE TABLE FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 6th 1906

Coy.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Agnt.	Points.
"A"	13	7	3	3	16	11	17
"D"	12	6	2	4	21	4	16
"E"	14	5	3	6	12	10	16
"H"	13	6	4	3	15	12	15
"F"	12	4	3	5	12	8	13
"C"	12	5	5	2	16	14	12
"G"	12	2	6	4	11	20	8
"B"	12	0	9	3	10	34	3

Two points for a win—one for a Draw.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT the wat weather has come at last
That it has been very regimental rain.
That its khaki helmet is sometimes a white ane.
That its been reviewed.
That its been reviewed twice.
That it did it a' for four annas.
That the fitba' league is aboot dune noo.
That he's expectin' an international cap fur the cup ties.
That his north point ran frae east tae west.
That its a' richt, bit there's something wrang wi' it.
That he saw a musketry rat.
That it s keep your eye on the target and hit it.
That there's been a lot of harriers lately.
That it winders if onybody 'll care tae tak us on.
That Mac wanted a pull through for the dummy rifles.
That he wanted a lookin' glass tae see Ginger's kit.
That the best shootin' troop will need a lot o' beatin '
That the young fellow was Joe again.
That its the same order as before, white tartans and spats.
That we're aye here yet.
That we're likely tae be here for a while langer.
That the army is tae be dune awa' wi' *again.*
That it aye seems tae come alive again.
That it's no' the postman.

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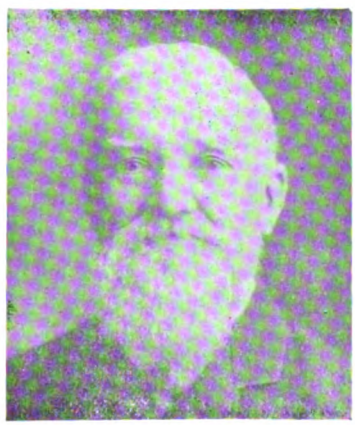
Obituary.

James Hodgson Hutton, late Colour-Sergeant, 93rd Highlanders.

Another link with the past has been snapped by the death of this grand old soldier, which took place at Glasgow on 11th June. The deceased veteran had reached the good age of 77 years, and although blind was still hale and hearty-looking when our representative saw him in Glasgow last year. No doubt his infirmity somewhat hastened the veteran's end, for to a man who had led such a stirring life, no affection could have been worse than the loss of his sight. With the true courage, however, which enabled him to storm the Heights of Alma, endure the privations of the whole of the Crimean Campaign, and take a man's part in avenging the horrors of the Indian Mutiny, the old warrior bore himself with soldierly spirit to the last. The epitaph of a



distinguished soldier who died recently is equally true of our old comrade who has just passed away—"Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." He was a splendid type of the Highlanders who under Sir Colin Campbell made the name of the "Ninety-third" conspicuous for its gallantry in the campaigns of the Nineteenth century. *Esprit-de-corps* to him was part of his religion and no one could be more than a few minutes in his company without catching some of the veteran's enthusiasm for his old regiment. His dearest wish was to again hear the pipes of the Sutherland Highlanders before he passed to the last great parade,—a wish, alas! which can now, never be realised. To his sorrowing widow and family we offer the sympathy of all ranks of the regiment. Following is the deceased veteran's "Record of Service."

Born at Bonawe, Argyllshire, in 1829; enlisted at Glasgow in 1847; served for 21 years with the Colours and took part in the Crimean and Indian Mutiny Campaigns, and also in the Umbeyla campaign; promoted Sergeant during the Relief of Lucknow and Colour Sergeant of No. 7 Company at Rawal Pindi in 1861. Proceeded from India 1868 for discharge; served for five years with permanent Staff of 2nd Lanark Militia and four years with the Dumbarton Volunteers. He was in possession of the following medals: Crimean, with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol; Turkish Medal; French War Medal; Indian Mutiny with clasps for Relief of Lucknow and Lucknow; Indian Frontier with clasp for Umbeyla; long Service and good conduct; Meritorious Service;—in all seven medals and six clasps.

Only a Sniper.

The Third-class shot sat down forlorn,
And wished that he had ne'er been born;
As he counted out his pay with scorn,
And he thought of some contrivance:
Whereby he'd get the "pucka" pay,
For he had only fivepence.

For years to him it was the same
In spite of lessons on "how to aim";
Of course the rifle was to blame,
Well, so the sniper said:
For though he tried all in his power,
That "twopence" still to him was dead.

When our new rifle first came out,
With joy the third-class shot did shout;
"That bulls-eye I'll walk round about."
But it was well he said no more:
For while his hopes they had gone up,
So had the qualifying score.

He fired a course with this new gun,
Said he, "At last my cares are done;
That service pay I think I've won,
I'll be a third-class shot no more."
But when his score was totted up,
He was but one and twenty-four!

And now he is what he was before,
A sniper, nothing less or more.
Says he "It was hard lines with my score,
But I'll take you on a bet:
That though I fire for twenty years,
I'll have that twopence yet!"

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Soldiers' Wives.

(BY AN OLD SOLDIER.)

As I look about me now and see the comforts which are considered so necessary for good soldiering, and the conveniences everywhere so generously provided by the thoughtful and liberal minded authorities who rule over the destinies of Thomas Atkins, I cannot help harking back to those good old days when luxuries were unknown in the Service; when the soldier was a machine which got precious little attention, except in the matter of fault-finding, and when he had to make his own comforts by his own ingenuity, for it certainly did not come from any other source. I am an old man, but my memory still serves me in the treatment of soldiers' wives, and I fancy the difference in the treatment then and now may be so marked that Soldiers' Wives who read this will be thankful that they live in these times and not fifty years ago!

The woman of the regiment who were married with leave—as we have always said, "on the strength"—lived, without any exception, in the barrack-room among the men. There was generally one married couple in the room. An old unwritten law always assigned to them the corner farthest from the door. No matter how large their family, they were allowed but two single bedsteads, and the space which would be ordinarily taken up by two men. Privacy of no kind was afforded them and so the ingenuity of the husband or the wife was open to all kinds of possibilities; the result of most experiments was that a canvas screen something over six feet in height was rigged up around the matrimonial bower, and so a very little space, a little more than was occupied by the two beds placed side by side, was enclosed which was all that could be called the couple's own domain. In most regiments, the "woman of the room" cooked for the room at the one fire place, and in return for the office it was customary for a "mess" to be cut off for her out of the men's rations; for in the days of which I am speaking married couples were entitled to no rations—this arrangement is due to an enlightened generation, and the beneficent outcome of the commissariat system. The married man was put out of mess, and he had absolutely nothing to maintain himself and his family upon save his bare pay, and the little that his wife was now and again able to earn.

The very idea of a married couple living and sleeping in a common room with a dozen or more of single men, shut off but by a flimsy curtain, is outrageously repulsive to anyone's sense of decency. We may well be struck with wonderment that such a violation of all rules of elementary decorum should have been left disregarded and uninterfered with so long.

When the soldier got married in those days he strained every effort it is true, gradually to acclimatise his young wife to the incongenial atmosphere of a barrack-room, fresh as she was, more often than not, from a quiet country cottage, or from service in a decent family. He was wont to take lodgings outside barracks for the first week of the married life, so that at least the first quarter of the honeymoon should be invested with some of that sacred privacy which both high and low associate with the new existence. It was just as well that the pair made much of the brief period, for they got precious little of its joys later on. I have myself seen, however, a pure young girl brought straight from the church to the barrack-room corner, and I have been as much overwhelmed with pity for her as she was with the tremor of mortal shame on beholding her new "home." Of course in time this wore off, as most things of the kind mercifully do wear off under the chafe of utter necessity; but the bride's blushes for herself never failed to be renewed at another period on the tanned cheek of the mother. Children were not, it is true, born in the corner, for the husband always, at his own expense, removed his wife to lodgings outside where she tarried till the terrible time was over, when she re-appeared in the corner with her infant. But in that corner daughters grew up from childhood to girlhood with but the screen between them and the men outside.

When the family was large, living, or, at any rate, sleeping in the corner was no better than pigging, strictly limited as the authorised sleeping accommodation was to the narrow regulation bedcots. The woman used to dispose of her boys in the vacant beds of soldiers who were on duty; but in the case of girls there was nothing for it but close packing behind the screen.

Bad as all this was—disgusting in theory, and repulsive in practice, there were in it, strange as it may seem, many compensatory elements of good, and that I yet maintain. Although the woman had to reconcile herself, with what contentment she might, to a life that perpetually violated the instincts of womanhood, she simply became blunted, but not degraded. In proportion as she lived in public, she felt herself subject to public opinion as represented by the little world of her room; and lowly as her sphere was, and rough as too often became her manners and speech, yet underneath these skindeep blemishes there lay self-respect and discretion; she would take her share of a gallon of porter at the common table, but she dare not get drunk, conscious as she was of the critics of her conduct all round her. And she made the barrack-room more of a home—of a family circle—than it is to-day. The men of her room looked upon her in some such light as they would upon a sister keeping house for them. On

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a change of quarters they always strove to keep the circle together, with the same woman as the presiding genius. She humanised the barrack-room with the sacred influence of her true, if somewhat rough, womanhood. There was far less profanity among the men then than there is now: and that obscenity of habitual expression which now-a days so startles and shocks the visitor to the barrack-room was conspicuous by its absence, quelled completely by the knowledge of the woman in hearing in the corner. Blackguards there were in the service then as there are now and ever will be, and an outbreak of foul language sometimes gushed from the lips of one of them; but he was sternly put down and silenced. If a hint from an old soldier, and a finger pointed towards the screen did not avail, a straight right-hander never failed as a ready and very convincing argument.

The woman was a kindly, motherly soul to the forlorn recruit, and would cheer him up with simple, homely words of encouragement and sympathy as he sat on his bed-iron moping in the agony of home-sickness. She was always obliging if you entreated her civilly—whether it was to sew on a button or to lend you a shilling till next pay-day. If she was anything of a scholar, to her fell the appointment of letter-writer-in-chief, for those whose penmanship had been neglected or overlooked in early days, and thus she became "keeper of conscience" of not a few who confided in her, and who knew that she would scorn to violate the confidence entrusted to her.

Sometimes as a very great favour she would allow one of her particular *portègès* to bring his sweetheart on a Sunday afternoon to a modest tea within the screen in the corner: and if friends come from any distance to see any of her "men," the married woman was always ready to do her best for the credit of the hospitality of her room. There can be little doubt that there were fewer scandals in those days about married woman than there are now, and I very much question whether, granted that the roughness of the exterior was a necessary result of their situation, the women who dwelt in the corner were not more genuine at the core under that unlovely exterior than are many of the self-styled ladies who now deign to inhabit the married quarters.

Besides the evils I have alluded to, there was another connected with the position of the former that I must not forget to mention. Soldiers are passionately fond of children, small ones preferably, but generally because they look upon them rather in the light of pets, in the same category as monkeys and parrots, rather than of lovable creatures with souls in their bodies. So these imps grew up well taught in all manner of tricks—developing a weird precocity early in life of tossing off the best part of a basinful of porter, smoking the blackest of black pipes obligingly lent by a neighbouring tutor, or of using language which was distinguished by its flowery epithets and directness of purpose. Mostly, these children either went into the band of the regiment, in the case of boys, or the girls went to one of the military schools: and so, under the old long service *régime*, the country had an hereditary soldiery, not a few of whom, born at the very foot of the regimental ladder, have climbed up to no inconsiderable distance.

In the days I speak of, there were very few railways. When a regiment was on the line of march, the woman rode on the accompanying baggage-wagons, with their olive-branches stored away in odd corners as ballast among other miscellaneous goods and chattels, and went to their husbands' billets, if the people were willing to take them in—and it was very seldom that any were churlish enough to turn them away. When they were refused shelter, the husband had to find lodgings elsewhere: and when there was not enough in the family stocking to pay for accommodation, it was customary for the wives to be smuggled into the hay-lofts above the troop-horses, and sometimes, failing this, even to bivouac on the lee side of a hedge. To some extent the railway journey always entailed some additional charge on the married soldier's slender purse: for he had always to pay for his baggage—the modest chest or two, the feather bed (when he possessed such a luxury) and the very few feminine possessions which the wife could call her own. But at the time I speak of, the man had to pay for the warrant under which his wife and children travelled by rail.

Nowadays, however, women and children are carried free, while regimental "baggage funds" go far to meet the expenses connected with transporting the items of the household.

In the days I refer to, if women had to live outside barracks because of want of space inside, there was no allowance in the shape of the now widely-recognised "lodging money." The first grant of this was made, as far as I can remember, in 1852, and consisted of one penny per day, which was paid quarterly! It was subsequently gradually increased, till now I believe the allowance is four pence a day, but I am not sure of this—it is after my day, and you can perhaps correct me in this particular.

All the foregoing, then, may be taken as a rough epitome of the official condition of a soldier's wife up to the end of 1848, or the beginning of 1849. About that period, I believe, through some troubles in the financial world, there was a considerable fillip given to recruiting, and an exceptional number of better class men joined the service. Struck with the rampant indecency of the arrange-

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ment then in force, not a few sent in anonymous complaints to Horse Guards: others, through the medium of newspaper correspondence, woke up public opinion to demand a reform, and the authorities then sluggishly complied. I repeat *sluggishly*, for I remember hearing of women still living in the barrack-rooms after the Crimean War; but the change was made in my regiment in the year '49. It was no great change for the better. Into one attic in Christchurch barracks I saw seven families huddled pell-mell. No more arrangements for privacy were made than had existed in the common barrack-rooms. Each separate *menage* was curtained off by what I suppose could be styled private enterprise. There was but one fire-place in the room, and the seven women squabbled vehemently and incessantly over their turns for cooking, and were at last forced to have recourse to the fires in the men's barrack-rooms.

The moral and social tone was visibly deteriorated under this new arrangement far below that which had characterised the common barrack-room. The women, congregated as they were, and with no check upon them, were too prone to club together for gin, and coviviality was fraught with quarrels into which the husbands of course were often drawn.

There was a very apparent growth of coarseness of tone among both women and men that became actual grossness: and I question if a young woman, with some of Nature's modesty clinging to her, did not have it more violently outraged in this congress of married couples than would ever have been the case in the old screened-off corner of the barrack-room arrangement. Of this I am quite certain, that with ominous rapidity she learned to talk, and was content to be jeered, on subjects which were ignored under the old system.

The over-crowding, also, which was all but the general rule, was physically injurious to both adults and children. Children did not count in assigning quarters to married people. I have known to my personal knowledge of ten families in one long room in Weedon Barracks. Eight families in a hut in the North Camp at Aldershot was by no means anything uncommon.

But what a change now! I do not suppose there is a single barracks to-day which has not got its married quarters, where each couple have at least one room to themselves. On the other hand I know of many barracks where the accommodation for married people is almost lordly, each quarter is quite shut off from its neighbour, with not only a bedroom but also another which is a dining-room while meals are being eaten, and a parlour after, with ample warming arrangements, and other conveniences which were almost unheard of in my day. I do not know for certain to whom the credit of the inception of this new system was due, but I am sure that a very great deal was due to Queen Victoria, for the rapidity with which married quarters have become universal is certainly owing in the main to her womanly sympathy with her sex.

"The Suffolks' Gazette"

Ninety-Third Calendar for August, 1906.

93rd Sutherland Highlanders embodied at Inverness, 1800.

"*Sutherland News*" first issued, Dagshai 1892.

1 W. Embarked Troopship "*Resistance*," Canada for England, 1848.
2 Th. Aldershot for Windsor.
3 F.
4 S. Colours at present carried by the Battalion presented by Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland in the Queen's Park, Edinburgh, 1871; old colours carried through Mutiny Campaign sent to Dunrobin.
5 S.
6 M.
7 Tu. Outbreak of Cholera at Jhansi, 1869; 11 deaths.
8 W.
9 Th. "*Belleisle*" arrived at Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope, 1857; first intimation of the Outbreak of the Indian Mutiny received by the 93rd.
10 F. Colonel H. W. Stisted, C.B., Major-General, 1864. F. W. Traill-Burroughs to command, 1864.
11 S. Weedon to Portsmouth, 1852. Head-quarters arrived Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope, *en route* for China, 1857. Destination altered to India owing to outbreak of Mutiny.
12 S. Colonel W. W. Knollys, d. 1904.
13 M. Sports of Tochi Field Force at Sheranni 1897; Won Tug-of-War and Khud race.
14 Tu.
15 W. Disembarked Plymouth from Cape of Good Hope, 1814.
16 Th.
17 F. Durbar at Sheranni, Waziristan, 1897.
18 S.
19 S.
20 M.
21 Tu.
22 W.
23 Th. First column for Khaza Valley left Sheranni, 1897.
24 F.
25 S.
26 S.
27 M.
28 Tu. Lieut.-General A. F. Mackintosh, K.H., d. Colonel 1868. Return of Khaza Column to Sherrani 1897.
29 W. Lieut.-General C. C. Hay, Colonel, 1868. Won Richardson Football Cup, Poona, 1904.
30 Th. Arrived Leith from Stirling, 1848.
31 F. Disembarked Leith from Canada, 1847. Embarked, S. S. "*Terrible*," Varna for Crimea, 1854.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of Attached Section.

No. 6826, Sergeant A. Gibb, "B" Company.

To be Musketry Sergeant.

No. 6538, Sergeant T. Memmot, "D" Company.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

No. 7786, Private C. Shoolbread. "A" Company.

No. 6984, Private A. Roy, "B" Company.
,, 7378, ,, M. Laid, "B" ,,

Class I at Sixpence.

No. 8881, Private D. Hannah, "A" ,,
,, 8064 ,, T. McNeil, "A" ,,
,, 6555, ,, J. Jack, "D" ,,
,, 9577, ,, D. Cameron, "D" ,,
,, 9651, ,, W. Green, "D" ,,
,, 9624, ,, J. Connelly, "D" ,,

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted three Good Conduct Badges;

No. 5122, Private H. McLean, "D" Company.
,, 5117, Lce.-Cpl. S. McVea, "C" ,,
,, 5134, Bandsman R. Lightbody, "F" ,,
,, 5135, Private H. Turnbull, "F" ,,
,, 5160, ,, J. D. Perston, "H" ,,

Granted two Good Conduct Badges.

"B" Company.

No. 5472, Pte. J. Robertson. No. 9517, Pte. J. Cowie.
No. 7844, Pte. A. Kiddie.

"C" Company.

No 8051, Pte. J. Peters. No. 7169, Lce.-Cpl. A. McKinnon

"D" Company.

No. 8059, Pte. W. Maclay. No. 4912, Pte. R. McLeish.
No. 8060, Pte. A. Crawford

"F" Company.

No. 7826, Pte. J. Galloway. No 6732 Pte. J. Brown.

Granted one good Conduct Badge.

"A" Company.

No. 8881, Pte. D. Hannah. No. 8062, Pte. T. McNeil.

"B" Company.

No. 7449, Pte. J. Hunter. No. 7801, Pte. J. George.
,, 5410, ,, H. Bartholomew. ,, 6984, ,, A. Roy.

"D" Company.

No. 7952, Private J. Dickson.

"E" Company.

No. 6484, Private J. Bradley.

"F" Company.

No. 8237, Private G. Mark.

"G" Company.

No. 5327, Private R. West.

GOOD CONDUCT PAY.

Granted twopence G. C. Pay.

No. 7573, Pte. J. Hawdon, "F" Company.

LANGUAGES.

Passed Higher Standard Persian.

No. 8217, Sergeant R. Parke, unattached List.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Permitted to continue beyond 21 years.

No. 8220, Sergeant J. D. Matthew, unattached List.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years.

No. 5170, Corporal W. Jamieson "B" Company.
,, 5474, Private J. Scott, "B" ,,

Extended to complete 12 years.

No. 7169, Lce.-Cpl. A. McKinnon, "C" Company
,, 7500, ,, A. Ballantyne, "B" ,,

Extended to complete 9 years.

No. 9506, Private R. Bell, "G" Company

STRENGTH.

Taken on.

Recruit W. E. Greenfield, attested 1st June, to "F" Coy.

STRUCK OFF.

Embarked S. S. "Persia" 9th June.

No. 3885, Sergeant E. Mahoney, C. Coy. to Per. Staff 4th A. and S. Hrs.
,, 3849, Sergeant Drummer J. L. Duff, } Invalids.
,, 7589, Private G. Hunter, "G" Coy. }

On transfer to Unattached list for employment in Army Clothing Department.

No. 5031, Lce.-Cpl. R. McKay, "A" Company.

TRANSFERS.

Inter-Company.

No. 5714, Sergeant J. G. Ferrier, "E" to "C" Coy.
,, 5482, Private Hyde, "B" to "D" ,,

FURLOUGHS.

The undermentioned are granted furloughs as follows:—

No. 6746, Lce.-Cpl. J. Wright, 9th to 28th June 1906.
,, 5340, Private W. Fogg, 17th July to 17th September.
,, 9302. Drummer V. Campbell, 6th June to 6th July.
,, 9190, ,, E. Lees, 18th June to 18th July,
,, 7319, Private J. Lothian, 10th June to 10th August.
,, 6142, ,, W. Rastall, 1st to 31st July.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

SMITH.—At Poona on the 24th June 1906, to the wife of Sergeant S. Smith, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter, Emily Jeannie.

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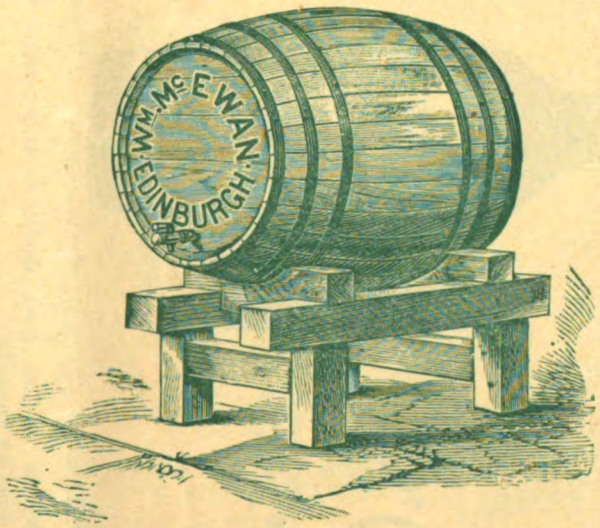

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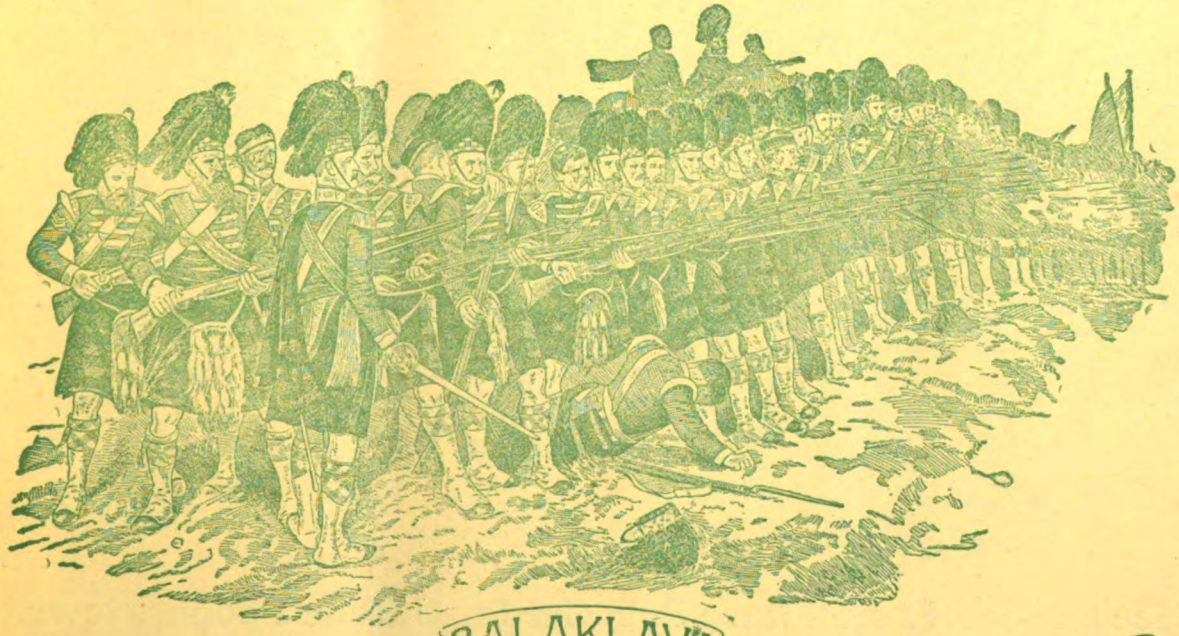

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SKIRLS

It is our pleasant duty in this issue to congratulate our Commanding Officer on his being gazetted to a Brevet-Colonelcy, the announcement of which appeared in the "London Gazette" of 26th June 1906.

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We also beg to offer our congratulations to General Sir Alfred Gaselee, G.C.I.E., G.C.B., on his recent promotion. We have already referred in these columns to General Gaselee's meritorious service, and on his return from England in October we hope to receive his photograph for publication. At present he is the oldest serving member of the Ninety-Third.

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We learn with regret that Lieutenant-Colonel C. Grant has vacated his appointment of D.A.A.G. for British Army Schools and proceeded home.

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From a recent Gazette we observe the retirement of Captain F. J. Richardson, D.S.O., who was posted to this battalion in place of Captain Tweedie, and that Captain A. J. Campbell, on termination of his appointment as a volunteer adjutant, has been absorbed in his stead.

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His Excellency Lord Lamington, G.C.I.E., G.C.M.G., Governor of Bombay, reviewed the troops belonging to this Division on the 6th July. As Colonel Paterson was officiating as Brigadier, the battalion was commanded by Major Mackenzie, and 2nd Lieutenants Falconar-Stewart and Maclaine carried the Colours. After inspection in line, we marched past in column of double companies, and reforming, the whole division advanced in review order. This concluded the day's ceremonies and from a Divisional Order published it is evident that the appearance of the troops was entirely satisfactory.

We regret to hear of His Excellency's recent indisposition.

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Wednesday mornings have been devoted to the usual manœuvre parade, and several interesting skirmishes have taken place between the scouts and the remainder of the battalion. The first and second Wednesdays found the battalion in outpost near the canal on the Sholapur road with the scouts attempting to break through the line. Some of the methods used to effect this end were very clever, and with a little more practice we have no doubt our scouts will prove very efficient indeed.

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Company training proceeds very slowly, "C" Company being still at Musketry. The Grenadier Company has started on their annual fifteen days' gymnastics, while "D" Company have commenced their Field Training under Lieutenant Thomson.

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The climatic conditions of Poona have been fairly agreeable during the month, for although the monsoon may be termed satisfactory, still the amount of rain has not been sufficient to keep us indoors. The race meetings have now commenced, and the social side of military life in this garrison is in a fairly busy state.

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The most important item of news received this month is the notification of our sailing for South Africa on 22nd December, in the Hired Transport "Soudan." Our arrival in Durban is timed for 7th January, so that our Christmas and New Year will be passed on the deep blue sea. From Durban to Pretoria will be a journey of about 36 hours by railway. We have not heard it definitely stated which regiment we are relieving at Pretoria.

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In anticipation of our move to South Africa there has, of late, been quite a number of transfers to the Ninety-third by men desirous of quitting India.

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At the moment of going to press with our last number we secured an account of the Regimental Dinner, held in London, at which Lieutenant-General Sprot intimated the presentation of a cup to each of the two battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders for competition in shooting. One of our officers, present at the dinner, writes us that the cup is an excellent trophy, and as we have asked the makers for a photograph we hope to reproduce an illustration of it in an early number.

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On another page appears an interesting account of the recent work of our school master, Mr. Tarbotton, and his staff. We congratulate them on the excellent result achieved at the recent examination, and feel confident that the battalion will secure a still higher position on the roll of merit, when the next return falls due.

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The Regimental Games Club brought off, on the 4th July, one of the most successful dances ever held in the battalion. A large attendance consisting of Colonel Paterson and the other officers presently with the battalion, and most of the married ladies, caused the evening to be one of a particularly social nature, and dancing was kept up well into the "sma' 'oors" of the morning. Since then practice dances have been held weekly, with the intention of having a quadrille party monthly. The Club has our warmest wishes for its success in the different branches of sport it endeavours to promote in the battalion.

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With reference to a remark recently made in these columns regarding the running of "The Thin Yin" in South Africa, our old and valued comrade correspondent "Forage Cap" writes in the "Glasgow Evening News"—"We ask this anxious Editor of the 'Thin Red Line' to be of good cheer. Even if it costs a little more, the men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders must maintain not only their good reputation, but, in this case, they must positively increase their already good circulation. There now!—Not a move! We shall keep an eye on the 'Thin Red Line.'"

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The latest recruit to regimental journalism is "The Snapper" published in Burma by the 2nd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment, on their arrival in the East. A brightly written magazine it does not belie its title, and we compliment the Editor on its production.

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The R. A. T. A. Garrison Dance Club were perhaps unfortunate in having their anniversary dance on the same night as that of the Regimental Games Club, but notwithstanding, a good turnout rewarded the committee for their labours. We are glad to hear that their weekly dances are being well attended.

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An inter-company cross country race was held in the beginning of the month. Teams consisting of eight men per company started from the Pioneers' Shop at 5 P.M. the course being round by Gibbet Hill, Bakri Hill, Wanowrie Range and home. The ground was heavy, notwithstanding this the leaders made good time, but a good deal of interest in the race was lost through some misunderstanding regarding one of the points on the range, some of the men not reporting themselves. However, "B" Company managed to get their team home first, securing first prize. Since then this particular sport has had to fall in the background, as football, tug of war, and the training for selection in the regimental Cross-country team to complete at the Divisional Assault-at-Arms is presently occupying the attention of the battalion athletes.

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Two tug of war teams are at present undergoing training for the forthcoming Assault-at Arms—the Heavyweight team being in charge of Sergeant Glass and the Light Weights under Sergeant Markey.

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The Half Battalion football teams are busy preparing for the forthcoming Cup ties. This being

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our last season in India we hope to again have our names on the different cups competed for in Poona.

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An account of the visit to Ahmednagar of the Ninety-third representatives willappear in our next issue. We had hoped to give a full account this issue but the "copy" had not arrived in time.

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Owing to the inclement weather the Shooting Club have had rather blank Thursdays during the month, but with better weather the attendance will again increase.

Home and Depot Notes.

The Royal Humane Society have conferred their Diploma upon Lance Corporal J. Jennings of the Permanent Staff Drummers of our 4th Battalion for his gallant attempt to save a boy from drowning in the river at Irvine on 5th July.

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The following is an outline of the re-organisation introduced by A.O. 130 of 1906. For the 1906 training season the Volunteer Battalions will be brigaded as of old. The details of the following arrangement will be completed gradually: –

Argyll and Sutherland, Col. A. G. Duff, 3rd, 4th, and 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Clyde, Col. A. B. Purvis, 1st, 2nd, and 5th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and 1st Dumbarton V.R.C.

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The desirability of bringing commanding officers of battalions at home into closer communication with regimental depots has caused the Army Council to approve of visits being made twice in the year by officers commanding battalions.

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On Wednesday 11th July the Summer Match for the Inter Depot Golf Cup was played off on the Panmure Golf Club links at Barry, by the kind permission of the members. Our representatives were the same as played and lost the Quaich last February, while the Black Watch had one change, Captain Innes taking the place of Captain Sutherland. Rain interfered with the play, but Lieut. Bulloch played a notable round in 78 while Lieut. Strahan was not far behind. Major Aytoun was 7 holes down to Lieut. Bullock while Capt. Moulton Barrett was 7 up on Capt Innes. Capt. Darroch won from Captain Hamilton by 3 holes. Lieut. Sceales was 2 down to Lieut. Strahan and Lieut. A. J. H. Maclean halved with Major Rose. The Quaich therefore by the narrow margin of one hole returns once more to Stirling where it is hoped it may remain for a spell.

Inter-Company Football League.

The concluding games have now been played off and the league table stands completed for possibly our last season in India. After a lapse of eleven years "A" Company have again secured the well-worn trophy. Their victory this season is their third, 1890-91, being the first, and 1894-95, being the second. Following are brief reports of the various matches played during the past month.

"D" *v.* "B." This being one of the postponed games, it was played after the usual league matches were finished. "D" had out their strongest team as they wisely decided to "mak siccar." Jack kicked off for "D" against a slight breeze and their forwards bore down on "B's" citadel, but George cleared nicely. A couple of corners fell to "D" and really they ought to have scored earlier as they were hardly ever away from "B's" goal for the first fifteen minutes. Pollock put in one of his stingers from the right and let the ball slip from his hands for a couple of yards, Maclay dived in and sent it home with a bang. Again "D" came to the attack and after a pretty bit of play on the left Galbraith scored a second. Maclay shortly afterwards added a third which however was disallowed. "B" made a far better show against the wind, and Woods put in some neat play which came to nothing, such play being utterly out of the question with such backs as Reid and Mowatt. Their front rank lacked that combining power which characterised "D's" quintette. Corners fell to them in rapid succession but goals were conspicuous by their absence. "D" also seemed to have shot their bolt as regards goalgetting, the score at full time standing "D" 2, "B" 0. Dunne of "D" at half played his best game of the season, and Maclay as centre forward was in his best form. George, "B's" keeper, has been really unlucky in having so many goals scored against him this season, and would show up really well with a pair of decent backs in front of him, the low scoring against "D" this season proving the truth of this, perhaps, bold assertion.

"C" *v* "A". These teams met in a replay, "A" having been successful in their protest in the previous match. A strong breeze favoured "C" in the first half, but "A" defended in real good style. Fleming had some good tries in the first half but "A" closed round their goal and drove the ball to midfield every time. The play was more open in the second half as the wind had dropped considerably. "A" worked hard and the halves gave their forwards plenty of opportunities. Their supporters cheered lustily when they secured a penalty. The ball accidentally struck Reid on the lower part of the arm and the referee could scarcely do otherwise than grant the penalty, which McMillan converted. It was a really good

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game and "C" had the hardest of luck in not claiming at least some of the points, but such is the fortune of football. Result: "A" 1 goal, "C" nil.

"H" *v.* "F". These teams also met in a replay, but as "H" turned out minus quite a number of their usual players, "F" walked off with the points, although their task was none too easy a one. They game was fairly fast all through the first period, but each goalkeeper managed to stave off reverses and they changed ends with a blank sheet. Nearing the end of the second half "F" secured a penalty from which Collins scored the only goal of the match. Result: "F" 1, "H" 0.

"G" *v.* "B". Also a replay, the previous game having been only half finished, "B" played up wonderfully well in this, their last match, and tried hard to being their small total of points up to an even number, but they were no match for "G," who by the way, took things rather easy, and only won by the odd goal. They seemed to be trying their players in a practice game for the forthcoming match with "D," and were not in any way enthusiastic as to goals. Result: "G" 2, "B" 1.

"C" Company, for reasons best known to themselves, failed to turn out against "F." and the latter Company claimed the points.

"D" *v.* "G". This match would practically decide whether or not "D" should meet "A" in a play off for the regimental trophy, and it naturally created considerable interest, and all the more so as "G" had managed to snatch a point from "D" on the occasion of their first meeting. "D" kicked off and were soon harassing "G," but Eite relieved with a strong punt outside. After a couple of tries by "G," "D" again came away and from a drop kick inside the penalty area, Houston scored for "D." Again "D" had "G" on the defensive and this time it was Jack who beat "G's" keeper. Everyone naturally enough concluded that "G's" chances had gone, but not so. They played with even more vigour than before and rushed "D" considerably. From a breakaway "G's" forwards got well round "D's" goal, and the goalkeeper, in attempting to save a high ball, fisted it into goal. This point seemed to increase "G's" exertions, while it nonplussed "D's" players to a considerable extent and it seemed as if they were all at sea. From the kick off "G" came away again, this time on the left, and Craig, with a beautiful cross shot, again beat Green, the shot well deserving the applause it drew forth. Half time: 2 each. After the interval "D" boxed "G" pretty well up but missed some beautiful chances. With the exception of a few break aways by "G's" forwards the play was confined to their territory, and the back division had their work cut out in driving them back. One of the best, if not really the best, games in the League ended in a draw, the score standing as at half time, two goals each.

Final League Match, "A" *v.* "D".

"D" started the ball against a strong wind and sun. "A" had certainly the best of matters all though the first half, but their forwards missed splendid chances, almost dead certs. They all seemed two anxious to have the honour of drawing first blood, and naturally spoilt each other in this respect. "D" had some nice runs and their forward line showed rather good combination, although their halves and backs erred in skying the ball so much against such a wind. Near the end of the first half Jardine of "A" got well within shooting distance and let drive. Mowatt seemed to have lost his usual judgement in such cases and let the ball go and the goalkeeper doing likewise, "A's" players executed a series of "Wilkies." During the second half "D" pressed "A" continually but could not manage the equaliser, corner after corner fell to them in quick succession, but "Henry" was wide awake, and fisted and punted to the huge delight of his team's supporters. "D" had to acknowledge defeat to the tune of 1-0 and "A" are the proud possessors of the "clock" for the season 1905-06.

Notes on the League.

This is the first time since 1895 that "A" have shown up at all well in the Annual Tournament, and we take this opportunity of congratulating them on their success. They have fought hard from start to finish, and although they have not the goal average which "D" have reason to be prove of, they well deserve their win.

This is the third year in succession that "D" have figured in the final. They won it without a replay the first year, lost to "F" last season, and although they succumbed to "A" this year that they could not possibly have been lower than second at the wind up of the season. Better luck next time, "D"!

As we predicted during the earlier stages of the league "F" have finished very creditably. Two points below the top lot is not a large margin, and had they played in the earlier stages as in the later, things would have looked rosier for them.

"E" stand fourth with a total of 16 points and have only acknowledged defeat three times. They started very well but fell away considerably towards the end. Had they stuck to their guns and kept it up their chances of figuring at the top were evident.

"H" as fifth on our table, have had what we may term an "up and down" career. True their wins are more numerous than their losses, but, when a team has to be changed every match, they can't expect to cope with teams that hang together all through the season. However "H" is one of

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those teams that always play the game, no matter what the circumstances are. "C" also have had rather a chequered career. Their losses are more numerous than their wins, but we must bear in mind they were forced to concede the points in two matches owing to lack of players. Neverthless they had four wins in succession during the course of the league, and had they been able to stick to their team till the end, they would have made somebody "sit up."

"G" as we remarked once before, made a poor show at the start, and it was only towards the end of the league that they were aware of the fact that they had a team at all. Out of their last six matches they captured ten points which is a very creditable performance for a team second from the bottom. We all acknowledge the fact that it was "G" who ousted "D," and gave "A" on opportunity which the latter were not slow to avail themselves of.

There are many teams which would have, "chucked it" in disgust at having to acknowledge defeat after defeat. But not so "B". They have in a manner speaking, acted like their tug o' war team and hung on till the last, although they have had no wins to encourage them in their efforts, they have always been on the spot when they were required, and really deserve as much praise as if they had won the "Clock." Why not emulate Oxford or Cambridge and provide a wooden spoon? Better luck next time "B."

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE.

Coy.	Played.	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Agnt.	Points.
"A"	14	8	3	3	17	11	19
"D"	14	7	2	5	25	6	19
"F"	14	6	3	5	13	8	17
"E"	14	5	3	6	12	10	16
"H"	14	6	5	3	15	14	15
"C"	14	5	7	2	16	15	12
"G"	14	3	6	5	15	23	11
"B"	14	0	11	3	11	38	3

Two points for a win—one for a draw.

The following are the winners of the Clock since its institution.

1888-89	...	... "F" Company.	
1889-90	...	... "H"	"
1890-91	...	... "A"	"
1891-92	...	... "C"	"
1892-93	...	... "G"	"
1893-94	...	... "B"	"
1894-95	...	... "A"	"
1895-96	...	... "E"	"
1896-97	...	... "F"	"
1897-98	...	... "F"	"
1898-99	...	... "F"	"
1899-1900	...	... "G"	"
1900-01	...	... "B"	"
1901-02	...	... "G"	"
1902-03	...	... "C"	"
1903-04	...	... "D"	"
1904-05	...	... "F"	"
1905-06	...	... "A"	"

The Football Clock.

The vicissitudes of time have seemingly dealt hard with the only football trophy the battalion at present possesses. No doubt it has passed through many hands since its arrival in the Ninety-Third in 1888, and as the writer recently observed with sorrow its time worn appearance, he thought a few words regarding the history of it would not be out of place.

The subject of this article was presented to the battalion by Lieutenant Colonel Mills in the early part of the football season 1888-89, to be competed for by the various companies, and for the special purpose of encouraging company football. Previous to this, inter-company matches were almost unknown, although there was a team of which the battalion was justly proud.

Colonel Urmston and Captain Tweedie were responsible for the design of the clock, and since its inauguration in has been in possession of the different companies as follows, "A" Company, *three times*, "B" Company, *Twice;* "C" Company *twice*; "D" Company, *once*; "E" Company, *once*; "F" Company, *five times*; "G" Company, *three times*; and "H" Company, *once.*

Although many hard words may have been said regarding its veracity for the last few seasons, still the possession of it is keenly sought after and causes a fair amount of sport in the Battalion, and while the winners, looking proud of their abilities, are immortalised in a "Thin Yin" supplement, the remaining seven teams have to console themselves with the thought that each of them only lost it by a fluke and that "If only so and so had only done so and so then you would see who ought to have won it."

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Shooting in the Central Provinces.

Having spent three months leave this hot weather shooting in the Central Provinces, I have been asked by the Editor to write a short description of the sport I obtained, and as photographs of three "big game" animals which I shot are appearing in this number of the "Thin Red Line," I propose giving a short account of the doings which ended in the death of each.

On the evening of my arrival in the block of jungle which had been reserved for me, I tied up buffalo calves at several pools where tiger were known to drink, and the very next morning the welcome news of a kill was brought in by my shikari while I was having chota hazri. Immediately word was sent out to all the villages in the vicinity and by one o'clock about ninety beaters had mustered at my camp.

My shikari had, of course, made it his business to find out where the tiger had gone to lie up after his meal, so, sending the beaters up wind of this place, the shikari and I, with one or two men to post as "stops" to prevent the tiger breaking out to either side, proceeded to a place in a nala down wind of where the tiger was. Having climbed into my "machan," a native charpoy lashed to the forked branches of a tree, I settled down to wait patiently for the result of the beat.

For some time there was not a sound, everything being still in the sweltering heat of a hot weather day, but at last the distant shouting of the coolies told me that the beat had commenced and I began to feel the excitement of the chase. Almost at the same moment one of the "stops" posted in a tree near me gave vent to a tremendous cough which he had evidently been bottling up. Having once let himself go he kept it up and I thought all chance of a shot was over, as perfect silence is of course necessary at the shooting end of a beat. To my relief however, the fit passed off and once more the noise of the beaters, now drawing nearer, was all that broke the stillness. There was, however, still no sign of my quarry, and I began to wonder if the tiger was in the beat after all, when unexpectedly he quietly appeared, moving along the edge of the nala through some long grass. He was coming straight towards my tree and was evidently quite unconscious of my presence. Waiting to let him get well within shot

I saw him pause for a moment and look back over his shoulder in the direction of the beaters, almost as if he thought of going back and having it out with the noisy crew who had disturbed him at his seista. Fortunately, however, he held on his way again and at about twenty yards distance fell to my first shot. A slight quiver at the end of his tail induced me to give him two more before descending to the ground and taking a photograph of him where he lay, sleek, and dangerous looking even when dead.

In Bison shooting a very different method to the above is adopted. Starting before day-light the sportsman, accompanied by a couple of native trackers, makes for a pool where the animals come for their nightly drink and from there, if he is lucky enough to find fresh tracks, he follows these through the jungle until he come up with the bison which are probably busy grazing before the heat of the day comes on. I had many blank days at this game, sometimes finding no tracks, at other times following them up for long distances only to find that the bison had winded us and gone off beyond our reach for that day at least. One day, however, the luck was with me. I has been tracking a solitary bull and the wind being right, had

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twice got within sight of him although without getting a shot. Following him up we again came within sight of him; this time he was lying down evidently for his midday slumber and at last I got a shot the only result being however to make him get up and gallop off out of sight. I was too slow in bringing up my heavy rifle again to get in another shot before he disappeared, but proceeded to follows his tracks, somewhat dejectedly, as there was no sign of blood. Before going far however we came on him standing like a statue on a slight rise, a really magnificent sight, his huge head raised in the air and staring in angry surprise at the intruders on his domain. I fully expected him to charge, and apparently my natives, standing each at the foot of a tree preparing to climb, were of the same opinion, but he was not for it and another shot made him move slowly off to finally come crashing down on his knees and give me the chance of putting a bullet in his brain and so ending his sorrows.

During my wanderings in the jungle I frequently came across bears but being as rule in search of bigger game, I generally left them alone. The one which appears in the photograph I met one morning when looking for tracks of bison. He had seen me first and was standing on his hind legs peering at me round the trunk of a tree, giving me such a tempting chance that I shot him and I was glad to find he had a fairly good skin, for a sloth bear as a rule affords but a poor trophy.

On reading over what I have just written I feel that in describing only the killing of game I have touched on but one part although a necessary part of a shooting expedition.

To any one who cares for an open air life, new scenes, and the seeing of wild animals in their own haunts, even a short period of jungle life affords much store of interest and pleasure.

A. H. M.

Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

No. 2975, Sergeant-Major James Allan.

Enlisted at Devonport for the 93rd Highlanders on the 13th January 1854, being then only 13 years of age. He accompanied the regiment to India in 1857 and served in the Indian Mutiny Campaign of 1857-58, including the Relief of Lucknow by Lord Clyde, defeat of the Gwalior Contingent at Cawnpore and pursuit to Seraighat, affair of Kalee Nudee, Siege and Capture of Lucknow, affair of Allegunge, battle of Bareilly, actions of Pusgaon and Russulpore and evacuation of the Fort of Mithowlie. Served also in the Eusofzai Campaign of 1863-64, and at the Umbeyla Pass, under Sir John Garnock. Has the

following medals:—Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow; Indian Frontier medal, with clasp for Umbeyla; medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. Was promoted Corporal, 1st December 1862; Sergeant, 16th June 1865; Color-Sergeant, 1st November 1866; and Sergeant-Major 30th May, 1377. He relieved Color-Sergeant Motion as Colour Sergeant of No. 2—the present "E" Company—on Motion being promoted Sergeant-Major of the battalion. Was discharged to pension at Aberdeen on 29th July 1879, after a service of 25½ years. The veteran Sergeant-Major, who is a native of Girvan, Ayrshire, is now 64 years of age, but is still as fond of work as ever and holds the appointment of Orderly-Room clerk, 5th (Deeside) Vol. Bn. Gordon Highlanders.

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No. 2784, Private Robert Brand.

Enlisted for the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, at Montrose, 31st May 1852, and served with the Regiment for the full term of twenty-one years, being discharged at Aberdeen on the 8th August, 1873. He accompanied the regiment to the Crimea and landed at Eupatoria Bay with it, but did not take part in the battle of Alma owing to illness. His baptism of fire was received in the glorious episode in which the Regiment took part at Balaklava. He also took part in the expeditions to Kertch and Yenikale, and in the Siege and Capture of Sebastopol, and was one of the volunteers who accompanied Lieutenants Fenwick and Macbean into the Redan ; was with the Regiment when it proceeded to take part in the Indian Mutiny Campaign, serving at the Relief of Lucknow, Battle of Cawnpore, Siege and Capture of Lucknow, Battle of Bareilly and various other actions of the campaign. Served also in the Eusofzai Campaign of 1863-64, and at the Umbeyla Pass. Has the following medals :—Crimean medal, with clasps for Balaklava and Sebastopol ; Turkish medal ; Indian Mutiny medal with clasps for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow ; Indian Frontier medal with clasp for Umbeyla.

No. 2569, Sergeant Eleazar Sage.

Enlisted at Inverness, November, 1850, for the 93rd Highlanders and served for nearly eleven years, being discharged at Chatham in 1861. He accompanied the 93rd to the Crimea and served throughout that Campaign with No. 1 Company of the regiment, taking part in the battles of Alma and Balaklava, the Expeditions to Kertch Yenikale and the Siege and Capture of Sebastopol. Was with the Regiment during the Indian Mutiny Campaign, being present at the Relief of Lucknow,

Battle of Cawnpore, Capture of Lucknow, Battle of Bareilly and other actions in which the Regiment was engaged ; was wounded in the right shoulder and right leg. Has the Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol ; Turkish medal ; Indian Mutiny medal with clasps for the Relief and Capture of Lucknow. Mr. Sage is a native of Perthshire and is now 81 years of age, but is still active and in fairly good health.

No. 2722, Sergeant Duncan McIntosh.

Enlisted at Inverness, of which place he is a native, on 14th January, 1852, and served with the 93rd for the long period of 22 years, being discharged at Aberdeen on the 14th May, 1874. He took part in the expeditions to Kertch and Yenikale and the Siege and Capture of Sebastopol. On the departure of the Regiment for the Indian Mutiny Campaign he being one of the junior corporals in the Regiment was left behind to drill recruits at the Depot. He rejoined the Regiment about the conclusion of the Indian Mutiny as a Sergeant and came home with the Regiment in 1870. Belonged to the Light Company—the present "C" company of the regiment. Mr. McIntosh, who

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is now in his 73rd year, is employed as a mill-porter in Dundee and is apparently in good health still. It is interesting to note that this hardy old

veteran will, if spared, celebrate his golden wedding this year. Mrs. McIntosh. who is a daughter of the Regiment, her father being a Pipe-Major, was with her husband in India for twelve years. The interesting event is due on 6th October, 1906. The best wishes of all 93rd men, past and present, will be with this fine old couple in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

No 2574, Private William McLeay.

Enlisted 2nd September, 1850, at Inverness, for the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders. Served during the Crimean Campaign and was in the famous "Thin Red Line." His services in the Crimea include the battles of Alma and Balaklava, Siege and Capture of Sebastopol, Expeditions to Kertch and Yenikale. He also served with the Regiment in the Indian Mutiny, his share in that campaign opening with the Battle of Kudjwa in which 100 men of the 93rd took part. He was also with the regiment during the Relief of Lucknow, Battle of Cawnpore, Siege and Capture of Lucknow, Battle of Bareilly and various other actions in which the 93rd was engaged. He is in possession of the Crimean Medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol ; the Turkish Medal ; Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow. After serving in the Regiment for nearly eleven years Mr. McLeay took his discharge in 1861 and came to

Glasgow where he found employment with Messrs. Wylie and Lochhead, a celebrated firm in that City, whom he served for the long period of thirty-five years. This gallant and enthusiastic old Highlander is a native of Inverness and is now 74 years of age. Although now living in retirement Mr. McLeay still takes an active interest in life, and despite his advanced years is still as cheerful and entertaining as ever. His health has not been all it might be for some months back now, but we hope soon to hear of a return to his usual active habits.

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Entertainments.

THE REGIMENTAL GAMES CLUB CONCERT.

The best "gaff" witnessed in the battalion for a considerable period was that promoted by the Committee of the newly re-constituted Games Club. The commencing hour on Saturday 14th July found the hall filled to overflowing and the expectant audience were in no way disappointed as the programme appended will shew. Bandmaster Walsh conducted the orchestra in person and in addition delighted the spectators with one of his best songs, while Mr. Kennedy made an excellent appearance after a lengthened absence from the concert platform. Signor Molini and Messrs. Molony and Meade were performers practically unknown to us but they were certainly the success of the evening, their contributions being such as are not usually heard at our entertainments and we hope to have them again with us. The other artistes were all well known to the audience and their efforts were much appreciated. Sergeant-Major Ditcham and his committee deserve every congratulation for their labours in providing such an excellent night's entertainment, and we trust the the funds of the Club have sufficiently benefited from the performance. The following is the programme, which had to be curtailed owing to the number of encores.

PART I.

Overture	The Silver Cross	Band.
Song	The Better Land	Bandsman Walsh.
Song (Comic)	She is my Daisy	Dr. Stewart.
Clarinet Solo	Alvanian	Lce.-Cpl. Lewington.
Song	The vagabond	Mr. Walsh.
Recitation	....	Mr. Meade.
Song	Drinking	Sergt. Memmott.
Song	Awake	Signor Molini
Song	Take a pair of Sparkling Eyes	Mr. Molony.
Song	The Sweetest Story ever told	Mr. J. Kennedy.

PART II.

Selection	La Poupee	Band.
Song	The little Irish maid	Mr Molony.
Song (Comic)	Hey Donald	Dr. Stewart.
Song	Rigolectto Verdi	Signor Molini.
Recitation	——	Mr. Meade.
Cornet Solo	——	Bandsman Grant
Song	Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep	Sgt. Memmott.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At musketry just once a year to the butts we make our way,
Some dread the awful day in case they lose their pay;
Part one is not so very hard, it's easy at a pinch,
But when you come to the bobbing man, oh! then you have to kinch:

He goes up and down, he goes up and down,
A whistle here, a whistle there,
Just underneath it makes you swear,
Oh my, oh lor,' you've just one round to go,
Up comes the figure, you press the trigger,
And "over the top" they show.

In and out of School.

That the conditions for the Service Pay have influenced those concerned has been indubitably proved by the tremendous strain put upon the Scholastic Staff during the past four months. During that time an average daily attendance of over 200 has been maintained.

The results of the special examinations have been highly successful, the total for the last six months amounting to 102 Third Class certificates, 31 Seconds, together with one First and 3 Part I First Class.

These numbers, it may be mentioned, constitute a record for the Battalion, the previous best being 112 certificates in 1892 whilst stationed at Dagshai.

At present there are 29 men in possession of 1st Class Certificates, 8 with 1st Group, 2 with 2nd Group, 234 with 2nd Class, and 347 with 3rd Class making a total of 620. The Battalion at present stands eleventh on the Merit Roll, for the whole of the army. 93rd, Excelsior!

So great has been the pressure that the Regimental School had to be abandoned for the Adults, and a capacious room taken into use in the Mounted Infantry Lines.

That the candidates entered earnestly into their endeavours to qualify was proved by the fact that walk where you would into any barrack room, there would be seen small groups of men plodding through the intricacies of messing accounts, etc. Even on Sunday our worthy Padre's remarks—trenchant though they might have been—could scarcely counterbalance the attraction offered to one man by a long division sum which was subsequently discovered correctly worked out on the fly leaf of a bible. Complaints were also freely aired by Orderly Sergeants to the effect that even duty rosters were subjected to the £. s. d. mania. Even the natives seem to be imbued with this spirit of educational attainment. One, in particular, attended school during close hours—Sunday afternoon of all times—and succeeded in carrying off a third of the school stock. Subsequently we heard that the Cantonment Magistrate had given him a first term of imprisonment.

We may be "muddied oafs" and "tartaned fools" (to misquote Kipling) but in matters educational the above figures prove that the same energy and application that enters into all our sports in play time, also characterises our efforts in school.

Is there any truth in the rumour that someone in the *paltan* is making a collection of obsolete windguages in the hope of flogging them to obtain the means of elevation?

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Obituary.

It is with a sincere feeling of regret that we record the death, at Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on 7th July, of our late Drum-Major, Sergeant John L Duff. Sergeant Duff, who had just arrived in England invalided from this country, was a son of Drum-Major Duff who left the Ninety-Third on its embarking for India in 1891, and since his enlistment as a boy served continuously with the regiment till he proceeded home a few days ago. The news of his passing away was received by his many comrades in India with sorrow, as "Jock" was one of the most popular members of the Sergeants' Mess.

The funeral took place on the 10th July, our deceased comrade being interred at Wickham Cemetery, the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment furnishing the firing party, with Drums and Fifes. A representation from the Ninety-first also attended, *viz.*, Colour Sergeants J. Inglis and W. Inglis, Sergt-Master Tailor D. McDougall, Sergeants Devereux, Newall (late of the Ninety-third) and Reeves, and Drum Major Meredith and Pipe Major Mackay were also present. The deceased's mother, whom we sincerely sympathise with in her bereavement, was supported at the grave by Colour Sergeants James and Willie Inglis, and after the volleys had been fired Pipe Major Mackay played "Lochaber no more" over the grave.

Royal Army Temperance Association.

Concert and Distribution of Medals.

A pleasing and well attended "gaff" was held in the Regimental Theatre, the occasion being the half yearly distribution of honours earned by the Members. Major A. F. Mackenzie, as President of the Ninety Third Branch, occupied the chair, Colonel Paterson being unable to attend, and at "half time" presented the Medals, bars, and stars, a list of which is appended.

In presenting Colour-Sergeant Andrew Lockie, one of the oldest members of the Association, with the twelve years medal, Major Mackenzie made a short eulogistic speech regarding Colour-Sergeant Lockie's recent work in bringing the Regimental Association to the notice of the battalion.

The concert programme included all the old favourites, and some new songs, an enjoyable evening resulting. The Committee, who worked hard for the success of the entertainment, are to be complimented on their labours. The following is the programme and honours awarded.

PROGRAMME.

Overture	*The String Band.*
Song ... "Death of Nelson"	*Band'n Walsh.*
Encore ... "Good-bye, Sweetheart, Good-bye"	,,
Comic Song ... "The Fitba' Match"	*Dr. Stewart.*
Encore ... "The waddin' o' Lauchie McGraw"	,,
,, "The saftest o' the Family"	,,
Song ... "London City"	*Pte. Wright.*
Encore ... "Kentuck"	,,
Exhibition of Club Swinging	*Pte. Fleming.*
Highland Fling	*Boy Millar.*
Song ... "Parody on Wooden Hut"	*Pte. Ross.*
Piccol Solo	*Band'n Brown.*
Song ... "That's why I enlisted for a soldier"	*Pte. Connelly.*
Mandoline Selection	*Pte. Finlay.*

Presentation of Medals by Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O.

Feats of Strength	*Pte. Edin.*
Song ... "The Old Tollgate"	*Dr. Stewart.*
Encore ... "Faur too early in the morning"	,,
,, "The wedding day"	,,
Song ... "Egypt"	*Pte. Wright.*
,, ... "The blind boy"	,,
Sword dance	*Piper MacDonald.*
Song ... "Could't help it—had to"	*Pte. Connelly.*
Encore ... "Selected"	,,
Mandoline Selection	*Pte. Finlay.*
Song ... "Alice, where art thou?"	*Band'n Walsh.*

God Save the King.

HONOURS.

Six Months' Medals

Boy Bews	...Band.	Dr. Martin	... ,,
,, Corbett	... ,,	,, Harris	... ,,
,, Lawrie	... ,,	B'n McKilligan	... ,,
,, Thorburn	... ,,	L.C. Stewart	... "B"
,, Smith	... ,,	Pte. Stark	... ,,

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Pte.	Henderson	... "C"	Dr.	Allen	... ,,
,,	Dunlop	... ,,	,,	Aitken	... ,,
,,	Williams	... "D"	Pte.	Smith	... "B"
,,	Green	... "E"	,,	Snowdon	... ,,
,,	McNair	... ,,	,,	Taylor	... ,,
,,	Sharp	... ,,	,,	Donaldson	... "C"
,,	Smith	... ,,	L.-Sgt.	Murdoch	... ,,
,,	Gordon	... "F"	Pte	Menzies	... "D"
,,	Glaister	... "G"	,,	McMaster	... "E"
Cpl.	Murray	... ,,	,,	Maxwell	... ,,
Pte.	McKenzie	... ,,	,,	Stewart	... ,,
,,	McIntyre	... ,,	L.-C.	Tunstall	... "F"
,,	Fraser	... ,,	Pte.	Stewart	... "G"
,,	Shaw	... ,,	,,	Park	... ,,
,,	Stirling	... "H"	,,	Adams	... ,,
,,	Gibb	... ,,	,,	Robertson	... ,,
,,	Todd	... ,,	,,	Booth	... ,,
Boy	Stevenson	...Band.	,,	Young	... ,,
,,	Caldwell	... ,,	,,	Walker	... "H"
,,	McCuaig	... ,,	,,	Forrett	... ,,
,,	Hunter	... ,,	,,	McCuaig	... ,,
Dr.	Doran	... ,,	,,	McKie	... ,,

One Year's Medals

Boy	Blythe	...Band.	Boy	Campbell	.. Band.
L.-Sgt.	Forrest	... "A"	L.-C.	Maun	... "A"
Pte.	Clark	... ,,	Pte.	Dicker	... ,,
,,	Bell	... ,,	,,	Guthrie	... ,,
,,	Douglas	... "B"	,,	Miller	... "B"
,,	Nutt	... ,,	,,	Stark	... ,,
,,	Fletcher	... ,,	,,	Todd	... "C"
,,	Hill	... "C"	,,	Findlay	... ,,
,,	Finlay	... ,,	,,	McGlasson	... "D"
,,	Cutler	... "E"	L.-Cpl.	Ferguson	... "E"
,,	Kennaway	... ,,	Pte.	Green	... ,,
,,	McCarthy	... ,,	,,	Laird	... ,,
,,	Plant	... ,,	,,	McNair	... ,,
,,	Richard	... "F"	,,	Sharp	... ,,
,,	Kirkland	... "G"	,,	Riddell	... "F"
,,	Stewart	... ,,	,,	Glaister	... "G"
,,	Mackenzie	... ,,	Cpl.	Murray	... ,,
,,	Robertson	... ,,	Pte.	Adams	... ,,
,,	Booth	... ,,	,,	McIntyre	... ,,
,,	McGeechan	... "H"	,,	Fraser	... ,,

Two Years' Medals

Boy	Blythe	...Band.	Pte.	Elton	... "B"
L.-Cpl.	Laird	... ,,	,,	Caldwell	... ,,
Pte.	Knight	... "A"	,,	Murray	... ,,
L.-Cpl.	Seath	... ,,	,,	Broderick	... "C"
Pte.	Anderson	... "B"	,,	Elder	... "E"
,,	Laird	... ,,	,,	Grant	... "G"
,,	Scott	... "C"	,,	Gilmour	... ,,
,,	Dunne	... "D"	Pte.	Anderson	... ,,
,,	McLean	... "E"	,,	Biggans	... ,,
,,	Foster	... "G"	,,	Harrison	... ,,
Boy	Campbell	...Band.	Pte.	Thomson	— "H"
Pte.	Bartlett	... "A"	,,	Paterson	— ,,
,,	McIlwraith	... ,,	,,	Pledger	— ,,

Three Years Medal.

B'n	Grant	...Band.	Dr.	Holland	— Band.
Pte.	Bartlett	... "A"	Pte.	McIlwraith	- "A"
,,	McPhee	... ,,	,,	Paterson	- "B"
,,	Ingram	... "D"	L. Sgt.	Brett	- "C"
,,	Hope	... ,,	Pte.	McPhee	- "D"
,,	McNab	... ,,	,,	Rastall	- ,,
,,	Oribine	... "E"	,,	Raeburn	— "E"
,,	Scrymgeour	... ,,	,,	Paterson	- "F"
,,	Wainwright	... "F"	,,	Cassidy	— ,,
,,	Harrison	... "G"	,,	Miller	"G"
,,	Pledger	... "G"	,,	Calderwood	— ,,

Four Years Bar.

Dr.	Wardrope	...Band.	Pte.	Campbell	— "B"
Pte.	Bell	... "C"	L. Cpl.	Hutchinson	"D"
,,	Maxwell	... "D"	Sgt.	Macdonald	— "E"

Five Years Medal.

Pte.	Smith	...Band.	Pte.	McKenzie	— "B"
,,	Chalmers	... "F"	,,	Perston	—"H"
,,	Blackley	... "H"			

Six Years Medal.

Band'n	Dicker	..Band	Pte.	Smith	... "B"
L. C.	Dunne	... "C"	L. Cpt	Downs	... "C"
L. Cpl.	Carlyle	... ,,	L. Sgt.	Galbraith	.. "D"

Seven Years Medal.

Band'n	Dunne	...Band.	Lce. Sgt.	Alder	... "B"
Pte	Thomson	... "F"			

Eight Years Medal.

L. Cpl. Dunne, "C"

Nine Years Medal.

L. Cpl. McGeechan, Band.

Ten Years Medal.

Pte. Brown "D"

Twelve Years Medal.

Cr. Sgt. Lockie, A.,.. "E" | Sgt. Buchanan J. ... "G"

Fifteen Years Medal.

Mr. D. Finlayson

Association Medal awarded to hardest working member for one year: Pte. Smith, "B" Coy.

S. SMITH, Sgt., Branch Secretary.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

That oor Ne'rday will be a rale *moring* time for us.
That maist o' us are gled o' the change.
That its gaun tae learn Kaffir Dutch.
That it canna see hoo rain is ca'd saft when it's comin' doon hard.
That it his discovered the the maist polite man.
That the crime he made oot wis "Having an unclean rifle."
That it kens wha the "Semaphore King" is noo.
That it enjoyed itsel' wi the "bhoys."
That he shewed them a thing or two.
That the Sports Club is gaun the pace noo.
That the hops were a' richt.
That it saw some strange faces dancin'.
That pilah company ken the time noo.
That he has nae use for his hocky stick this year.
That the regimental team are dacin' weel.
That they dinna' advertise themselves, bit thay win a' the same.
That it got its six months medal *again*.
That it wonders when T. A. gongs will be a qualification for service pay.
That he was a "died in the hole" marksman.

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Corporals' Room Notes.

The Corporals of the 93rd were "At Home" on the 11th to the Corporals of the Artillery Brigade from Kirkee, and also to the Corporals at present attached to the Battalion. The members of our Sergeant's Mess were also present in full force. Colonel Paterson and Officers of the Battalion sent a very kind acknowledgment of the invitation which they received As a preliminary to the "Smoker" which commenced at 8-30, The N.C.O.s of the Artillery and 93rd showed their paces in a hockey match on the Regimental Hockey pitch. The Artillery turned out in full force, but although we were without the services of Eite and Berry, who had gone to Ahmednagar with the Regimental team, the game finished in our favour, the full time score being : 93*rd, two goals*; *Artillery, one goal*.—Lance Corporals McIntosh and Cowan scoring our two. Owing to the unavoidable absence of our Sergt.-Major, Colour Sergeant Ewan very kindly accepted the responsibilities of the chair. In his opening speech he very modestly underrated his abilities as a chairman, remarking that it was the first time that he had been placed in such a position, and whilst regretting the absence of Sergeant-Major Ditcham, he would have the greatest pleasure in accepting such an honourable position as Chairman for the evening. After hearty applause, the curtain rose and the amusements of the evening commenced and continued far into the night. An incident which greatly pleased both guests and hosts was the dancing of a reel in Highland costume. Piper Patterson supplied the music, the dancers being Sergeant Memott, Lce.-Corporals Armour, Tunstall and Johnstone. Dancers and onlookers alike entered thoroughly into the spirit of the night, the amount of vociferous "Hooching," clapping of hands and stamping of feet, showing how everyone enjoyed the dance.

Appended is a detailed programme of the evening's proceedings. Corporal Johnstone was the first vocalist to appear, but owing to a bad cold had to retire after a few lines.

Corpl. Clayton - Song - "We're getting it by degrees."
Sgt. Markey - - ,, - "Bill"
Br. Palmer - - ,, - "Where is the Bank of England?"
Lce. Cpl. Armour - ,, - "Mona."
,, ,, - Encore "Bonnie Mary o' Argyle,"
Corpl. Brownlie - Song - "Star O' Rabbie Burns,"
Corpl. O' Brien - ,, - "Mulrooney's Cake."
,, ,, - Encore "McArthy's party."
Sgt. McKinley - Song - "The Ord'ly Man."
Lce. Cpl. McVea - Song - "The poor blind boy"
Br. Gill - - - ,, - "The baby's name."
Cpl. Bell - - - ,, - Gaelic, Encore—Gaelic Song
Corpl. Clayton - ,, - "Comic."
Lce. Cpl. Scott - ,, - "Queen of the earth."
Lce. Cpl. Chalmers ,, - "A Wee drappie mair"
Lce. Cpl. Harwood ,, - "The dear old home."
Sergt. Glass - - ,, - "It's a braw, bricht, munelicht nicht th'nicht."
Lce. Cpl. Mullholland - Song - "My sweet Anona."
Lce. Cpl. Balfour - Song - "Comic"
Lce. Cpl. McKinnon - - "Gaelic Speech"
Corpl. Inglis - - Song - "Rothesay Bay."
Comic Sketch - - ,, - Lce. Cpls. McKinnon and Balfour.

Congratulations are due to the committee on the successful manner in which they negotiated the "Smoker," and for the enjoyable programme they submitted. The Committee comprised: Corporals Ellis (convener), McMaster, McLuckie, Jamieson and Gray. J. H

Ninety-Third Calendar for September, 1906.

1 S. Establishment reduced to 30 Officers, 41 sergeants, 23 drummers and pipers, 40 corporals and 500 privates, 1878. Bombay Rovers Tournament commenced 1905; 93rd team reach final.
2 S.
3 M.
4 Tu.
5 W. "G" Company win Physical Drill Shield, 1905.
6 Th. Victoria Cross presented to Lieut.-Colonel Hans Garrett Moore at Gibralter, 1879.
7 F.
8 S. Second grand assault on Sebastopol, 1856, Redan entered by Lieutenants McBean and Fenwick and 10 volunteers, and found deserted.
9 S. Tochi Campaign, Second Khaza Column under General Penn Symons left Sheranni, 1897. Third Cholera outbreak in 1862.
10 M. Presidential Assault-at-Arms, Poona, 1904. Light Weight Tug-of-War won.
11 Tu.
12 W.
13 Th.
14 F. Landed in Crimea, 1854.
15 S.
16 S. Embarked on board H.M.S. "*Alceste*," "*Bedforde*," and "*Bell Poule*" for America, (New Orleans), 1818. Strength, 33 Officers, 42 sergeants, 22 trumpeters (?) 48 corporals, and 817 privates.
17 M. Enfield rifles (53 pattern) issued to regiment in Crimea, 1854. Sergeants left Half Battalion win Presentation Shooting Club at Ranikhet, 1901.
18 Tu. Officers' Ball, Poona 1905.
19 W. March to Sebastopol commenced, 1854.
20 Th. Battle of Alma, 1854—1 Officer and 7 men killed, 44 wounded. "*Mauritius*" arrived Calcutta, 1857.
21 F. Embarked Guernsey for Scotland, (Kirkcaldy), 1802.
22 S. Battalion inspected by Major-General Woodhouse, 1905.
23 S. Embarked Fort George for Guernsey, 1800.
24 M.
25 Tu.
26 W. "*Belleisle*" arrived in Calcutta, 1857; regiment met and welcomed by Sir Colin Campbell.
27 Th.
28 F.
29 S.
30 S.

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Employment on leaving the Service.

We have much pleasure in publishing the report taken from the "Military Mail," of the special committee appointed to enquire into the questions of (a) the position of the various organisations which at present assist discharged soldiers and sailors; (b) whether, by co-ordination of such agencies or otherwise, their work could not be extended; and (c) to report generally of giving the men civil employment. As the result of their deliberations this week, their chief recommendations are :—

1. That an association, which should be financially assisted by, but not under the control of, the Admiralty and War Office, should be created for the provision of employment for ex-soldiers and sailors.

2. That this association, which should consist of a central office in London and affiliated branches in counties and towns, should undertake all the work of employment now carried out by the War Office and by existing agencies.

3. That it should be surpervised by a council selected in the first instance, from

(a) Members of the existing societies in London.
(b) Representatives of the corporation of the cities of London and Westminster, the London Country Council, and the Metropolitan Borough Councils.
(c) Employers of labour, including representatives of the War Office and the Admiralty.
(d) Ex-soldiers and sailors who have achieved success in civil life after leaving the colours.

4. That the management of the county and town branches should, under the general supervision of the central office, be conducted by local committees.

5. That such local committees should be presided over, where possible, by the lord-lieutenant in the case of the country and by the mayor in that of the town.

6. That the members of the local committee should consist of—

(a) The officer commanding the grouped regimental district.
(b) The colonel of the territorial battalions to corps
(c) The naval recruiting officer of the district.
(d) Representatives selected from influential people of the district, employers of labour, etc.; and
(e) Ex-soldiers and sailors in the district.

7. That the Government subscriptions to existing associations should cease, and an annual grant of £16,000 (£12,000 from Army and £4,000 from Navy funds) should be made to the Association.

8. That funds should also be obtained by voluntary subscriptions.

9. That the Government should direct the various public departments to fill vacancies in the appointments detailed in Appendices 2 to 5, and any others which may be suitable, by ex-soldiers and sailors of good character, and that only in the event of such candidates not being forthcoming are the posts to be filled by civilians.

10. That all future vacancies for Customs preventive men should be filled by ex-soldiers and sailors.

11. That at least half the vacancies for outdoor customs officers should be set aside for ex-soldiers and sailors.

12. That the majority of the vacancies for assistant clerks should be similarly dealt with.

13. That all established messengerships should be so filled.

14. That service in the Army or Navy of a satisfactory character which has not earned a pension should reckon towards superannuation allowance in the case of men appointed to established positions in the Civil Service.

15. That in the case of ex-soldiers and sailors serving in Government departments a proportionate value should be assigned to service in the Army or Navy with a view to its being considered with the period of civil employment when discharge on reduction of establishment is determined by length of service.

16. That country and borough councils should be urged to reserve a number of appointments for ex-soldiers and sailors.

17. That the age limit in the case of ex-soldiers and sailors who are candidates for appointments to the police should be raised to thirty-two.

18. That, in view of the Imperial contribution made towards the cost of the police, an obligation should be placed upon the force to employ men of the two Services in preference to others, so long as suitable candidates are forthcoming, and that, as in the case of the Civil Servant, previous service in the Army or Navy should reckon towards police pension.

19. That every soldier should be required to learn some description of technical work during his military career.

20. That certificates should be granted for proficiency in the various subjects.

21. That classes for instruction in motor-driving, etc., should be started as far as possible, and that opportunities should be afforded to the ex-soldier of acquiring instruction in other subjects, such as shorthand and typewriting, correspondence, book-keeping, platelaying, trenching, saddlery, telegraphy, electric wiring, farm work and ploughing, the slaughtering of cattle, etc.

22. That arrangements be made with technical institutes in the various cities and towns where soldiers are quartered for the tuition of the men in various trades and crafts.

23. That the endeavour should be made, by means of periodical lectures at each military centre, to bring clearly before the men the possibilities of their future civil career.

24. That arrangements should be made to give ex-soldiers facilities for emigration, and for obtaining, whilst serving, a short course of training in work which is likely to be of use to them as emigrants.

25. That an employment gazette should be published by the Central Office of the suggested association, giving particulars as to situations vacant, the method of obtaining them, the prospects offered by various classes of employments, etc., and that subscriptions to cover the cost, fees, and travelling expenses of the lecturers would form a suitable charge against the canteen funds of ships and units.

26. That the form of character given to the soldier on discharge or transfer should be improved, both in respect to its division between his military and civil conduct and in regard to its general assessment.

27. That, with the view to the encouragement of thrift, arrangements be made, on the line suggested in paragraph 72, to increase the inducements of the soldier to save money whilst serving.

28. That the advantages of membership of friendly societies should be brought to his notice.

29. That payments of pensions and reserve pay should be made at more frequent intervals.

The report concludes :—We submit the foregoing recommendations with the object of ensuring that every soldier and sailor on completing his service with at least a "good" character should have an opportunity offered him of obtaining some post in civil life.

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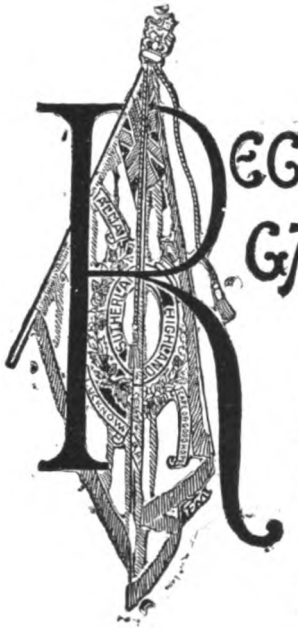

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM "THE LONDON GAZETTE" OF THE 26TH JUNE 1902.

Brevet.

The undermentioned Lieutenant-Colonels to be Colonels:—Stanley Paterson.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant and appointed Sergeant Drummer.

No. 6535, Lce.-Cpl. T. Cridland, "F" Company, dated 4th June, 1906.

To be Sergeant on the Unattached List.

No. 5031, Lce. Cpl. R. McKay, dated 2nd May 1906.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant of "B" Company.

No. 4805, Sergeant W. Norrie, "F" Company, dated 1st July.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal.

No. 9508, Private R. Tunstall, "F" Company, dated 21st July.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 9199, Lce.-Cpl. A. Maun, "A" Coy. 29th June.
,, 9240, ,, C. White "G" ,, 1st July.

To be Bandsman.

No. 9695, Boy J. Corbett, "H" Company, 30th June.

To be Garrison Librarian.

No. 7950, Lce.-Cpl. H. J. Hutchinson, "D" Company. 1st July.

To be Acting Piper.

No. 10140, Pte. C. Bain, "D" Company. 14th July.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND INCREASED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 4749, Pte. T. Durick. No. 8078, Pte. A. Campbell.

"B" Company.

No. 7995, Pte. J. McMahon.

"C" Company.

No. 8021, Pte. E. Peters. No. 8063, Pte. E. Flynn.

"D" Company.

No. 7959, Pte. J. Livingstone. No. 7021, Pte. J. Wardrope

"E" Company.

No. 8032, Pte. D. Cargill. No. 8065, Pte. W. Cutler.

"F" Company.

No. 7205, Pte. F. Wallace. No. 8074, Pte. T. Henderson.
,, 7623, ,, D. Bruce. ,, 8814, ,, C. Riddle.
,, 7702, ,, T. Wilson. ,, 6834, ,, J. Faichney.
No. 7784. Dr. J. Stewart.

"G" Company.

No. 7762, Pte. J. Rankin. No. 8073, Pte. W. Fleming.

"H" Company.

No. 5160, Pte. D. Perston. No. 9064, Pte. N. Rennie.

Class I at Sixpence.

"A" Company.

No. 8278, Pte. P. Gunn. No. 8082, Pte. J. Gallacher.

"C" Company.

No. 8100, Pte. J. Clark.

"E" Company.

No. 9038, Pte. J. Fulton.

"G" Company.

No. 4207, Piper R. Nicholson.

"H" Company.

No. 8420, Pte. J. Finlay. No. 7713, Pte. W. Dow.
,, 9680, ,, P. McCann. ,, 6369, ,, J. Robertson.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted four Good Conduct Badges.

No. 3654, Private J. Marshall, "G" Company.

Granted three Good Conduct Badges;

No. 5221,	Private	J. Drain,	"A" Company.
,, 5168,	,,	R. McCallum,	"A" ,,
,, 5182,	,,	T. Morrison,	"B" ,,
,, 5163,	,,	J. Allan,	"D" ,,
,, 5194,	,,	H. Brown,	"D" ,,
,, 5164,	Lce.-Cpl.	C. Lewington,	"E" ,,

Granted two Good Conduct Badges.

No. 7507,	Piper	R. Kean,	"A" Company.
,, 7786,	Pte.	A. Shoolbread,	"A" ,,
" 8078,	,,	A. Campbell,	"A" ,,
" 9216,	Piper	A. Milton,	"B" ,,
,, 7147,	Pte.	J. Christison,	"B" ,,
,, 5504,	,,	G. Stevenson,	"B" ,,
,, 8063,	,,	E. Flynn,	"C" ,,
,, 5279,	,,	T. Pollock,	"D" ,,
,, 7999,	,,	T. Muirhead,	"D" ,,
,, 7723,	,,	J. McCarthy,	"E" ,,
,, 8065,	,,	W. Cutler,	"E" ,,
,, 6430,	,,	T. James,	"E" ,,
,, 6794,	,,	J. Osborne,	"E" ,,

Granted one good Conduct Badge.

No. 5189,	Private	H. Allan,	"A" Company.
,, 6990,	,,	H. Leinster,	"B" ,,
,, 8986,	,,	F. Elton,	"B" ,,
,, 8116,	,,	J. Leinster,	"B" ,,
,, 7996,	,,	D. McDougall,	"B" ,,
,, 5488,	,,	P. Struthers,	"B" ,,
,, 7623,	,,	D. Bruce,	"F" ,,
,, 7549,	,,	D. Edie,	"F" ,,
,, 9105,	,,	J. Cameron,	"G" ,,
,, 9398,	,,	W. McIntyre,	"G" ,,
,, 9444,	,,	J. Campbell,	"G" ,,
,, 5269,	,,	J. Skene,	"G" ,,
,, 6879,	Drummer	D. Clark,	"G" ,,
,, 9450,	Private	J. Hall,	"H" ,,
,, 9381,	,,	V. McEachan,	"H" ,,

CERTIFICATES.

EDUCATIONAL.

First Class.

No. 9090, Private A. Petrie, "A" Company, dated 27th March.

Group I, First Class.

No. 6811,	Corporal	W. Murray,	"G" Company.
,, 8296.	Private	F. Farrell,	"H" ,,
,, 8232,	,,	H. Todd,	"C" ,,

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Second Class.

"*A*" *Company*

No. 7799, Private J. Moffatt.

"*D*" *Company.*

No. 8111, Lce.-Cpl. J. Scott. No. 7704, Lce.-Cpl. T. Jack.
,, 7926, ,, A. Potts. ,, 6888, ,, W. Hilton
,, 9835, Piper J. Hetherington. No. 7650, Pte. D. Cassidy
No. 7761, ,, E. Johnstone.

"*E*" *Company.*

No. 6397, Lce.-Cpl. J. Wright. No. 7393, Pte. P. Fraser
,, 9901, Drmr. A. Millar. ,, 9480, ,, A. Smith

"*G*" *Company.*

No. 9400, Piper J. Aitken.

"*H*" *Company.*

No. 8291, Cpl. G. Erskine. No. 6059, Lce.-Corporal W. McIntyre.
,, 9724, Pte. J. Billingsly. ,, 9744, Lce.-Corporal J. Thompson.

2nd Battalion the Royal Scots (attached).

No. 7815, Lce.-Cpl. J. Basnett.

Third Class.

"*A*" *Company.*

No. 7221, Pte. M. Clanahan. No. 6780, Pte. W. Broadfoot.
,, 7680, ,, T. Mullins. ,, 8278, ,, P. Gunn.
,, 8082 Gallacher. ,, 6996, ,, A. Reid.
No. 7685, Private W. McPhee.

"*B*" *Company.*

No. 7801, Pte. J. George. No. 6983, Pte. G. Cameron.
,, 7995, ,, J. McMahon. ,, 7675, ,, J. Miller.
No. 7419, Private W. Smith.

"*C*" *Company.*

No. 7807, Pte. A. Taylor. No. 8063, Pte. E. Flynn.
,, 9330, ,, J. Brennan. ,, 8100, ,, J. Clarke.
,, 8017, ,, T. Blackburn. ,, 8051, ,, J. Peters.
,, 7875, ,, J. Caldwell. ,, 7522, ,, W. Clark.
No. 6875, Private J. Donaldson.

"*D*" *Company.*

No. 9434, Dr. J. Allan. No. 7959, Pte. J. Livingstone.
,, 5971, Pte. W. Brooks. ,, 7752, ,, W. McLachlan.
No. 7651, Private J. Stephenson.

"*E*" *Company.*

No. 7485, Pte. J. Phillips. No. 9640, Pte. R. Weir.
,, 8032, ,, D. Cargill. ,, 7723, ,, J. McCarthy.
,, 6905, ,, P. Russell. ,, 6847, ,, W. Campbell.
,, 9038, ,, J. Fulton. ,, 9344, ,, A. Hicks.
,, 7085, ,, W. Elliot. ,, 6424, Lce.-Cpl. J. Cowan.

"*F*" *Company.*

No. 6338, Lce.-Cpl. Balfour. No. 7160, Private H. McDonald.
,, 7139, Pte. I. Tibbs. ,, 10121, Private W. Greenfield.
,, 7423, ,, J. Cowan. ,, 9945, Boy J. Bews.
,, 9001, ,, T. McIvor. ,, 9662, Pte. D. McCurdie
,, 8936, ,, J. Richard. ,, 9778, ,, W. McDonald
No. 9909, Boy P. Prentice.

"*G*" *Company.*

No. 7014, Pte. J. Scott. No. 8964, Pte. J. Lafferty.
,, 9215, ,, W. Park. ,, 8205, ,, D. Cleghorn.

"*H*" *Company.*

No. 9680, Pte. P. McCann. No. 6369, Pte. J. Robertson.
,, 9064, ,, N. Rennie. ,, 8420, ,, J. Finlay.
,, 7749, ,, G. Callandar. ,, 7713, ,, W. Dow.
No. 9388, Private W. Birkmire.

SCHOOL OF COOKERY.

Granted Certificate dated 30th June 1906.

No. 4771, Corporal J. Oliver, "G" Company.

MILITARY WORKS SERVICES.

Granted Certificate of Competency.

No. 10018, Pioneer Sergt. W. Bell, "G" Company.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

No. 5736, Sergeant G. M. McQueen, "F" Company.
,, 5764, ,, J. Sim, "D" ,,
,, 5945, ,, A. McRae, "E" ,,
,, 5490, ,, S. Smith, "H" ,,
,, 5163, Private J. Allan, "D" ,,
,, 5478, ,, J. Daily, "H" ,,

Extended to complete 12 years' service.

No. 6794, Pte. J. Osborne, "E" Company.
,, 6851, Lce.-Sgt. E. Brett, "C" ,,

Extended to complete 9 years' service.

No. 9381, Private V. McEachan, "H" Company.

TRANSFERS.

Transferred from 2nd Battalion the Royal Scots.

Private H. Hadley, to "B" Company.
,, J. Paxton, to "C" ,,
,, J. Trobridge, to "D" ,,

From 2nd Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment.

Private P. T. Moss, to "F" Company.

From 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

Private C. Bain to "D" Company.

Transferred to 47th Battery, R.F.A.

No. 5163, Private J. Allan, "D" Company.

Transferred to 45th Battery, R.F.A.

No. 6794, Private J. Osborne, "E" Company.

Inter-Company Transfers.

Sergeant Drummer T. Cridland, "F" to "G"

MISCELLANEOUS.

Attained 18 years of age.

No. 9190, Drummer E. M. Lees, "H" Company.
,, 8790, ,, J. Holland, "F" ,,

Allotted regimental numbers.

No. 10121, to Pte. W. E. Greenfield, "F" Coy.
,, 10128, to ,, H. Hurkett, "A" ,,
,, 10140, to ,, C. Bain, "D" ,,

FURLOUGHS.

The following are granted furlough as specified:—

No. 9302, Dr. V. R. Campbell 6th July to 6th August.
,, 5827, Pte. W. Patrick, 23rd July to 22nd Sept.
,, 3378, Pipe Major F. J. Lynch, 31st July to 30th Aug.
,, 6806, Lce.-Cpl. P. Tate, 21st July to 21st Sept.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

INGLIS.—At Poona on the 28th day of July to the wife of Corporal M. Inglis, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a son, Marshall Sutherland.

DEATH.

DUFF. At the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on the 7th July 1906, John L. Duff, Drum Major, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

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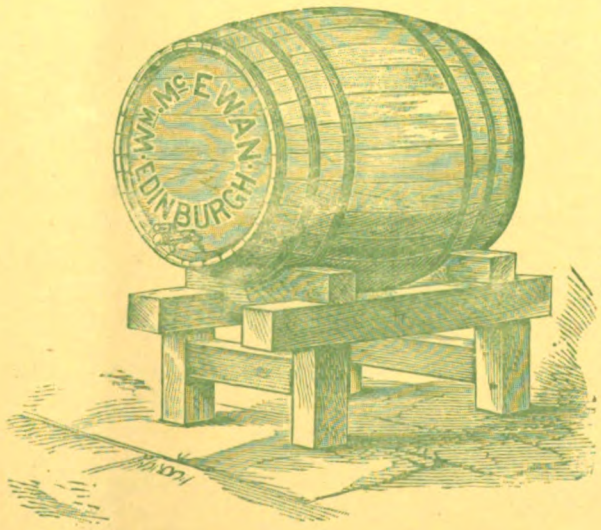

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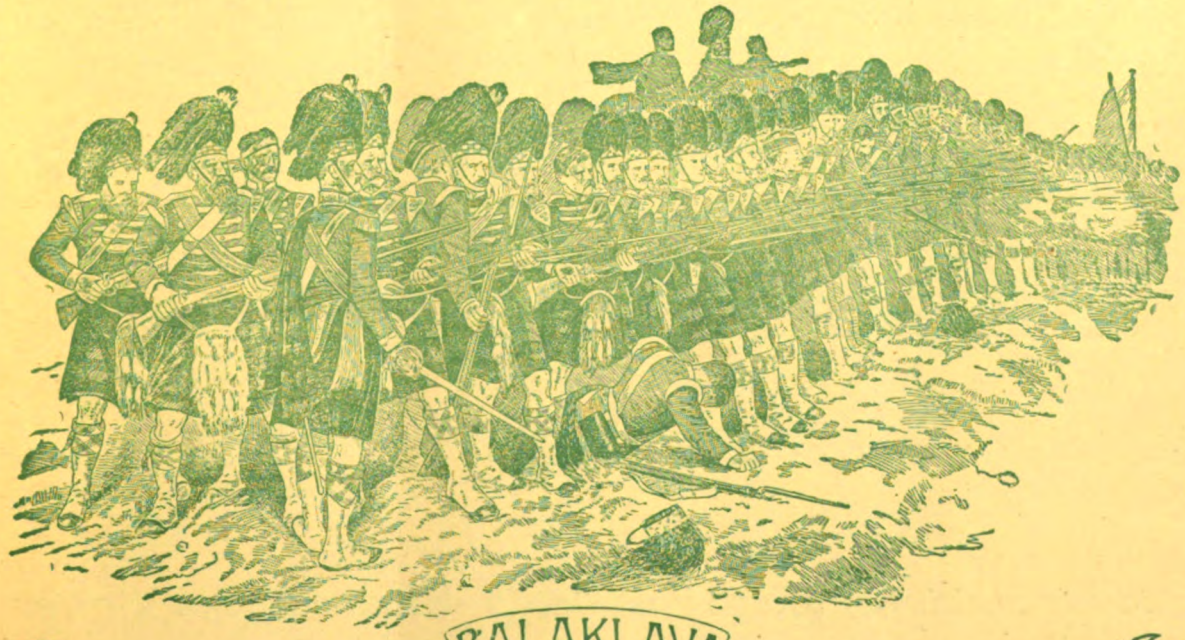

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SKIRLS.

The month of August has been one of not more than passing interest so far as the military side of life is concerned. We have had the usual parades occasionally interrupted by "seasonable" showers, but, as a rule, the weather clerk reserves his best efforts for "off parade" hours. As the result of a fairly good monsoon, up to the present disease in our midst is very slight, but we regret to notice that notwithstanding the removal of our station comrades to canvas at Yerrowda, the mortality from enteric and even cholera, are as bad among them as in former years. The worst feature of the disease is its prevalence amongst the married families, to whom we extend our sympathy.

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Owing to several cases of plague occurring in the Cantonment, our peregrinations are practically confined to the roads round our maidan. With the Amusement Club in full swing every night, and weekly dances both there and in the Connaught Institute, to say nothing of the different "Gaffs," there are plenty of methods to choose from in passing away the night.

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Captain Elphinston has proceeded home on a year's leave, so we do not expect to see him this side of Pretoria. Captain McCandlish has returned from England bringing with him a brand new Inter-Company football trophy, a description of which will appear later. Lieutenant the Hon. R. Bruce has returned from shooting in the Himalayas. We only mention this latter fact in case anybody should have a doubt about it, though there are one or two in the Battalion to whom the fact was brought home very startlingly.

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Mr. Thomson has taken over the command of "F" Company, being relieved in "D" by Mr. Bruce.

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Lieutenant A. E. Kennedy qualified at the recent class at Satara School of Musketry. Sergeant Norrie, "F" Company and Lance-Sergeant Brett "C" Company are also to be congratulated on their passing so creditably the same class. It is quite the usual thing for our representatives to obtain the much coveted "D," a fact which proves the prepared manner in which they go forward to the course.

Sergeants M. Sutherland and G. McQueen have gone up for the present class.

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In view of our approaching move, which by the way has been postponed to the 29th December, entraining practice was carried through at Ghorpuri siding. Owing to a wet morning the scheme had all the interest washed out of it, so possibly another day later on will witness a more thorough attempt.

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The Battalion furnished a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file under Captain McCandlish and Lieutenants A. E. Kennedy and D. M. Porteous on the occasion of His Excellency the Governor attending the Civil Service Ball.

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Company training, especially musketry, proceeds very slowly, "C" Company having finished and "E" commenced. "F" have completed their fifteen days Gymnastic training.

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Considerable interest was occasioned in the football circles of the Battalion through the "Richardson Cup" Tournament taking place. This year a change was made in having one battalion team instead of half battalion teams as formerly and as we were drawn against our fellow countrymen—the Royal Scots—a good game was expected. However luck was against us, and we shall have to leave India without that Cup at anyrate.

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The draw in the Bombay Rovers Tournament gives us as our first opponents the Telegraph operators. Our team, under Colour Sergeant Clarke, has gone to Bombay and we wish them the best of luck in the Competition.

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The Junior Polo Tournament, of which an account appears this month, caused a fair amount of interest even amongst those who do not profess to follow the game as a rule. After the excellent display in the unfinished semi-final game, it came as a surprise to find that we had been defeated in the replay.

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A cross-country race, for the purpose of selecting a team to represent the regiment at the forthcoming Divisional Assault-at-Arms, was held in the beginning of the month. A good start was made, the course being the usual one near Gibbet Hill, and the prize winners were as follows; 1st, Private Wilkinson, "A" Company, 2nd, Piper A. Kean, "F" Company, and 3rd Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, "H." After the race, a team was selected and since then have been so diligently training that we hope to hear of their final success.

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Current gossip has it that "C" Company are to be the Mounted Company in South Africa, and since then numerous witticisms have been levelled at its members. It is proposed to put them through a course at the Wanowrie School, commencing in September.

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Our Colonel in Chief, Lieutenant-General J. Sprot, is the subject of an article in a recent issue of the Army and Navy Chronicle. An interesting account of his service is given supplemented with a photograph. It does not appear to be generally known that an elder brother of General Sprot served in the Ninety-third during the Indian Mutiny and died shortly afterwards through wounds received there.

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Messrs. Coutts and Company of Bombay and Karachi have asked us to direct the attention of our readers to the advantages of their "Soldiers express service." Their moderate charges combined with their well known reliability, should be sufficient guarantee of their carrying out any orders entrusted to them.

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With this issue is published a full page reproduction of a photograph of "F" Company, the winners of the Regimental Shooting Shield for 1905—1906, taken by Mr. P. Metzker, Poona.

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We have much pleasure in congratulatiug Sergeant-Major John Kemp, formerly of the Ninety-Third Highlanders, latterly of the 3rd Battalion North Stafford Regiment, on his being awarded the Medal for Meritorious service. As an account of the gallant veteran's services appeared in our March issue, we need not repeat them here but the following account of the presentation of the Medal, taken from "The 79th News" is full of interest. It may be mentioned that the Major Clarke referred to at one time belonged to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

"At the Cameron Barracks on 7th August, Sergeant-Major J. Kemp, Rosemarkie, late of the 93rd Highlanders, was presented, by Major Clarke, commanding the Depot, with the silver medal awarded to him for long and meritorious service. Sergeant-Major Kemp went through the Indian Mutiny with his regiment, was in the Oude expedition, and in the North-West Frontier of India campaign—1863-64. All ranks at the Depot paraded for the ceremony.

Major Clarke, addressing the men, said—"We are assembled here to-day to do honour to an old soldier, Sergeant-Major Kemp, and to present him with the medal for meritorious service, which carries with it an annuity of £10. This fine old soldier joined the 93rd Highlanders in 1851, and in 1872 he left that regiment after over 21 years' service. In the same year he became Sergeant-Major of the 3rd Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment and served in that rank for 20 years, having a total service of forty-one years—a grand record. He took part in several Eastern campaigns, and was wounded in the leg at the Relief of Lucknow, a wound which, I regret to say, to this day gives him considerable trouble. He is to-day a J.P. for Ross and Cromarty and a magistrate of the Burgh of Fortrose. To you men here assembled, and

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especially to the young soldiers amongst you, I hold up before you this fine example of a Highland soldier. It is a proof of how our Sovereign rewards good and faithful service. Sergeant-Major Kemp, I am proud to present this medal to you to add to those you have already so gallantly won. I hope you will be spared for many years in health and strength to wear it." Major Clarke then pinned the medal to the Sergeant-Major's breast.

Major Forbes, who served in the 93rd with Sergeant-Major Kemp, was present on parade."

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The following extract from a letter of the Pretoria correspondent of "The Sapper" (the Journal of the Royal Engineers) is in view of our intended move, of decided interest to those who will travel with the Battalion. It is dated 16th July from Roberts Height.

"These notes are written in "Sunny South Africa," whose climate is fondly imagined, by those who have not experienced it, to be the acme of perfection, and is recommended by the medical faculty as a cure for consumption and most of the other ills that flesh is heir to. But oh the reality! For the last few months the sun has been shining through clouds of red sand; this dust is blown into our houses, our food, our lungs, and, in fact, everywhere, by a half-hurricane, during approximately 20 out of the 24 hours of the day. This wind is usually S. or S.W., and, from its chilliness, I imagine it must come direct from some immense glacier not yet discovered in the heart of Africa! The temperature registered at the meteorological station last night was 17° F., the lowest as yet this year.

Whilst writing these lines my hands are encased in woollen gloves, whilst outside the house (tin hut) it is cold enough to freeze the knobs off a brass fender."

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It has now been anthorised that Warrant officers and N.C.Os. not below the rank of sergeant, may keep plain clothes in the barrack room. The restriction as to N.C.Os. and men wearing plain clothes (if they have permission to wear them on pass) on leaving or returning to barracks is now cancelled. Those requiring cheap tickets, granted to soldiers travelling by rail, are expected to wear uniform.

Overhead on the range, not 100 miles from Chilcombe, nor more than a month ago.

Agonised voice through the telephone: "What shall I do? What shall I do? Two men have just fired at the same target!"

Officer at the firing point: "What was the value of the hits?"

A. V. "They were both misses!"

Polo.

Poona Junior Tournament 1906.

This Tournament commenced on 15th August but owing to bad weather the finals were not played off until Tuesday 4th September.

Seven teams entered, viz.,

10th Hussars	33rd Cavalry.
Poona Horse	3rd Sappers and Miners
29th Cavalry	R F. A. Kirkee.
93rd Highlanders	

and although at no time was the Polo high class, several good games were witnessed.

The regiment drew R. F. A. Kirkee in the first round our team being Mr. R. R. Forbes, Mr. R. G. Maclaine, Mr. J. Kennedy and Mr. R. D. Falconar-Stewart (back) and from the beginning of the match we had the best of it the score being 7 goals 4 subsidiaries against the Gunners Nil. This victory left us to meet the 10th Hussars in the semi final. Heavy rain put a stop to this game after the ball had been a few minutes in play, but, during the short time available, Lieut. Kennedy played brilliantly and the regiment scored three goals without the Hussars notching a point. The Poona ground being under water this game had to be replayed at Kirkee, but bad luck again seemed to dog us as Kennedy was suffering from an injured eye and our three goals, scored in the first match, could not, in accordance with I. P. A. Rules, be credited to our score. The Hussars played better together, and although the regiment made a good fight for it, Falconar Stewart especially at back playing a really great game, our opponents ran out winners by three goals.

Our defeat left 10th Hussars to contest the final with the Poona Horse, who had already defeated Sappers and Miners and 29th Cavalry. A good game resulted, the Hussars at first raising the hopes of their friends by scoring 2 goals and 2 subs. while the Poona Horse had still a clear sheet.

However in 4th Chukker the Poona Horse pulled themselves together and outplaying and out galloping their opponents began scoring and eventually won a most exciting match by the narrow margin of one goal.

General Richardson at the close of the game presented the cup to the winners and in the course of a short speech referred in terms of regret to the regiment's imminent departure for S. Africa.

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Musketry.

"C" Company's Annual Course.

Exercised during July by Captain A. H. Maclean. The weather was indifferent at times, the usual breeze springing up after breakfast. The following attained marksman :—

No. 8171, Pte. S. Bell, (Company Shot).
Captain A. H. Maclean, Lieut. R. R. Forbes.

No.	No.
5357, Sgt. J. Stewart.	7501, L-Sgt. J. McKinlay.
7226, L-Cpl. J. Downs.	5127, L-Cpl. S. McVea.
6875, Pte. J. Donaldson.	7185, Pte. M. Lapsley.

No. of Marksmen, 7. 1st Class shots, 32.
2nd Class shots, 41, 3rd Class shots, 6.
Company average ... ... 171.

Regimental Shooting Club.

A very full programme opened with a shoot a 600 yards, 2nd Class figure target, and then a series of matches at 200, 500 and 600 were held extending over three Thursdays.

Thursday 26th July 1906. Owing to the morning proving wet a very small entry resulted.

Class A.	*Score.*	*Prize.*
1st—Cpl. Gray, "D" Coy. ...	15	Rs. 4
Class B.		
1st—Pte. Millar, "B" Coy. ...	17	,, 5

Thursday 2nd August.

Class A.		
1st—Pte. Gillies, "C" Coy. ...	15	,, 5
Class B.		
1st—Pte. Jenkins, "C" Coy. ...	15	,, 5
Class C.		
1st—Pte. Dunlop, "C" Coy. ...	15	,, 5

Thursday 9th August. 2nd Class Figure Target : A good turnout, the day being a good one for shooting.

Class A.	*Coy.*	*Score.*	*Prize.*
1. Pte. Durick,	"A"	17	Rs. 5
2. Cpl. Oliver,	"G"	17	,, 5
3. Pte. Benson,	"G"	17	,, 5
4. Cpl. Reid,	"B"	16	,, 3
5. ,, McMaster,	"D"	16	,, 3
6. Pte. Hay,	"H"	16	,, 3
7. Lce.-Cpl. Cowan,	"F"	16	,, 3
8. Pte. Kenaway,	"E"	16	,, 3
9. Henderson,	"C"	16	,, 3
Class B.			
1. Pte. McKenzie,	"E"	19	,, 5
2. ,, McCarthy,	"E"	16	,, 4
3. ,, Hay,	"C"	15	,, 4
4. ,, Phillips,	"E"	15	,, 3
Class C.			
1. Pte. Stewart,	"G"	16	,, 4
2. Lce.-Cpl. Scott,	"D"	13	,, 3

Thursday 16th August—Bisley conditions, 200 yards. 7 rounds, 5 to count.

This match created a considerable amount of interest being the first item of an inter-company match at 200, 500, and 600 yards extending over three Thursdays. The usual weekly prizes were given and in addition prizes were to be given to the two companies having the eight best aggregates for the three shoots. From the final results published below it will be seen that "H" Company proved best with "F" next. Unfortunately some of the companies, though making a good start, were unable to find eight men who had fired in all three matches Some first rate scores were made, notably possibles by Colour-Sergeant Ewan, "H" Company, and Pte. Hempseed, "F" Coy.

RESULTS.

Match I—200 yards.	*Coy.*	*Prize*
Class A.		
1. Corporal Gray,	"H"	Rs. 4
2. Private Durick,	"A"	,, 4
3. Lance Corporal Lawrie,	"H"	,, 3
4. ,, Bowe,	"H"	,, 3
Class B.		
1. Private Main,	"C"	,, 5
2. ,, Jenkins,	"C"	,, 5
3. ,, Todd,	"C"	,, 4
4. Corporal Risdon,	"E"	,, 4
5. Private McKay,	"E"	,, 4
Class C.		
1. Private Millar		,, 5
2. ,, Truswell,		,, 4
Sergeants.		
1. Colour-Sergeant Ewan,		,, 4
2. ,, Ogg.		,, 5

Match II—500 yards.	*Coy.*	*Score.*	*Prize.*
Class A.			
1. Pte. Hempseed,	"F"	25	7
2. Lce.-Cpl. Bowe,	"H"	24	6
3. Pte. Donaldson,	"C"	24	6
4. Cpl. Blake,	"H"	24	6
5. Pte. McNie.	"F"	24	6
6. Cpl. Stewart,	"F"	23	4
7. Pte. Fleming,	"G"	23	4
8. Cpl. Erskine,	"H"	23	4
9. Pte. Melville,	"E"	23	4
10. L-Cpl. Armour,	"A"	23	4
11. ,, Harkness,	"E"	23	4
Class B.			
1. Lce.-Cpl. Gibson,	"F"	22	5
2. ,, Palmer,	"H"	21	4
3. Cpl. Risdon,	"E"	21	4
4. Pte. Robertson,	"H"	21	4
5. ,, Maxwell,	"E"	21	4
Class C.			
1. Pte. Truswell,	"A"	22	4
2. ,, Hall,	"H"	19	3
W. O. and Sergeants.			
— Sergt. Scott,	"D"	23	5
— S. M. Ditcham,	"F"	23	5
— C. S. Arnott,	"F"	23	5

Match III—600 yards.			
Class A.			
1. Cpl. Gray,	"D"	22	5
2. ,, Oliver,	"G"	22	5
3. Pte. Drain,	"A"	22	5
4. ,, Durick,	"A"	21	4
5. ,, Rice,	"G"	21	4
6. L-Cpl. Chalmers,	"E"	20	3
Class B.			
1. Lce.-Cpl. Birrell,	"E"	19	4
2. Pte. Finlay,	"C"	18	3
3. ,, Main,	"C"	18	3
4. ,, Robertson,	"H"	18	3
Class C.			
1. Pte. Brodrick,	"F"	16	3
W. O. and Sergeants.			
1. C. S. Ogg,	"D"	22	5
2. ,, Ewan,	"H"	22	5

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AGGREGATES OF MATCHES I, II AND III.

First Prize "H" Company ... ...Rs. 35.

	yds. 200	yds. 500	yds. 600	Totals.
C. S. Ewan	... 25	21	22	... 68
Cpl. Blake	... 22	24	20	.. 66
L-C McPherson	... 19	21	19	... 59
,, Lawrie	... 21	17	18	... 56
Pte. Hay	... 21	22	13	... 56
L-C. Bowe	... 21	24	10	... 55
				467

Second Prize, "F" Compaay, Rs. 16.

	yds. 200	yds. 500	yds. 600	Total.
Cpl. Stewart	... 22	23	19	... 64
Pte. Hempseed	... 22	25	16	... 61
C. S. Arnott	... 21	53	14	... 58
S. M. Ditcham	... 17	23	16	... 56
Pte. McNie	... 15	24	17	... 56
,, Thomson	... 18	15	20	... 53
,, Scambler	... 17	22	14	... 53
Cpl. Mathieson	... 16	13	17	... 51
				452

In addition to the above competitions the ever popular pool target was largely patronised, one lucky speculator securing the whole pool of Rs. 52.

MUSKETRY TRAINING 1905—1906.

From the recently published circular memorandum embodying the remarks of H. E. the Commander-in-Chief on the results of the musketry year 1905-1906 it is gratifying to note that the improved shooting of the Indian Army has been maintained. As regards British troops, no satisfactory comparison can be made between the results of this and the previous year as some regiments fired with the new rifle and some with the old, and some fired the old course and some the new. The classification of the British Army is as follows:—

	M.	*1st Class.*	*2nd Class.*	*3rd Class.*
		New Course.		
Cavalry,	21·9	33·8	38·8	5·5
Infantry,	14·6	30·7	47·7	7·
		Old Course.		
Cavalry,	29·4	37·2	29·7	3·7
Infantry,	27·6	42·0	26·0	4·4

These figures clearly show that the difficulty in reaching the various classification figures is much greater than formerly, but His Excellency is of opinion that the high percentage of 2nd and 3rd Class shots is in some measure due to the introduction of the new arm and the new course.

Our battalion having been partly exercised in both courses, comparison with the above figures would be unsatisfactory, but the percentage obtained over the whole is as follows:—

Marksmen 11·4, 1st Class, 33·5, 2nd Class, 43·2 and 3rd Class, 11·7.

Attention is directed to the fact that want of care in preliminary training before target practice is often the cause of poor results.

Field practices are largely commented upon and many interesting suggestions regarding control of fire, formation, cover, &c., are given.

The points notified as requiring special attention refer to the conduct of troops in field practices, and the maxim that what men will do in peace they will do in war or try to—until they learn a lesson at the cost of many lives, is one which should never be lost sight of,

Altogether the Circular affords interesting matter for those concerned in leading troops, to study.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it.]

THAT his faither wis a Scotchman an' his mither the same.
That he tore the flashes aff his ribbons.
That as long as his feet wir on the flair he wis a' richt.
That the cup tie was a grand game—for the Royals.
That it hopes for better things in Bombay.
That it's been presented wi' a new fitba' cup.
That the cup happens tae be a shield.
That he certified that his gaird had been cleaned bi th' defaulters.
That he's turned pagri wallah.
That he couldna' get the kinks oot o' his pagri.
That if you want to ken ony thing aboot nags ask the Falkirk company.
That it hears their M. I. course is tae coont as Gyms.
That he was a country born native o' India.
That he wis awfu' fond o' water.
That he will see Christmas in India but he never saw ony-thing at Ne'erday yet.
That the freedom o' the city has been ta'en frae us.
That it lost the chance o' makin' his furtune.
That uneasy lies the head that wants the guns.
That "*debût*" is the french for "*rami.*"

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The Ahmednagar Trip.

Accepting the invitation of our comrades at Ahmednagar, the 2nd Battalion The Connaught Rangers, teams representing the football and hockey players of the regiment, journeyed to Ahmednagar on Tuesday 10th July. The party were under the charge of Second Lieutenant Porteous and Colour-Sergeant Clarke and on arrival we were, without delay, conducted to the Coffee shop where a sumptuous repast was found waiting for us to tackle.

Wednesday evening commenced operations, the first trial of strength being a hockey match between our hosts and ourselves, hockey being the favourite game of the 94th. As we expected a formidable opposition we had to put our best feet foremost and unexpectedly came out victorious, after a well contested game, by 2 goals to 1. Mr. Porteous proved a tower of strength at centre-half, and Lance-Corporal Berry and Private Faulds also distinguished themselves. Succeeding this match, a challenge was received from the 58th Battery R. F. A. and we agreed to play them on the following evening on their ground. As the 58th had previously defeated our hosts a good game was expected and we early found that our opponents meant business by their making for our goal and scoring. Then we settled down to it and shortly afterwards equalised. After much give and take play they scored again, which we followed by an equaliser. Standing two all, matters looked serious but the pace of the gunners soon began to tell and our boys playing all their worth notched another goal. No further scoring took place, and when the whistle blew for "time" we found ourselves victors by 3 goals to 2. This was an exceptionally good game as the gunners were very speedy indeed, but we again owe our thanks to the half back line who played extremely well.

Friday evening found our hosts and ourselves again in combat, this time football. We did not certainly expect defeat, as the Connaughts do not profess to be experts at the "footer" game, so at no time was the game exciting, the score at the finish being 2—0 in our favour. This does not very well represent the play, but it is always best to play the game to the credit of ourselves and not to the gallery.

This concluded the contests and before returning to Poona the whole party posed before the camera, an excellent group resulting and one which will prove a memento of a very enjoyable visit.

We are deeply indebted to our comrades (especially Sergeant Byrne) for the hospitable manner in which we were treated.

The team representing the 93rd at hockey was as follows:—2nd Lieut. Porteous, Privates McMillan and Kean, "A" Company; Lce.-Cpl. Berry, "B" Company; Private Mowatt, "D"; Cpl. Campbell and Private J. Robertson, "E"; Privates Faulds and Young and Lce.-Cpl. Eite, "G"; and Private Blackley, "H"; while the football team was composed of, *Goal*—Pte. Mullen, "E"; *Backs*—Lce.-Cpl. Eite, "G", and Pte. McMillan, "A"; *Halves*,—Ptes. Mowatt, and McLay, "D", and Duncan, "F"; *Forwards*,—Pte Robertson, Cpl. Campbell and Pte Cameron, "E", Ptes. Wright "F," and Millar, "A".

Obituary.

Private Pollok, "H" Company.

The passing away of this well known member of the Battalion was received with deep regret by his many comrades. The sad event took place on the 17th August 1906, after an operation, and the funeral was well attended. Deceased was recognised as one of the champion swimmers and won many prizes in Calcutta and Poona. He was also an enthusiastic gardener and assisted in keeping "H" Company's garden in the excellent condition it is. We tender our sympathy to his relatives in their sorrow.

Mr. Roderick Munro, late 93rd.

This fine old veteran, whose record of service we only recently published, passed away recently at Carluke at the ripe age of 80 years. He served through the Crimean Campaign and formed one of the "Thin Red Line." He rose to be Sub-Inspector in the Lancashire Police Force, retiring in 1886 after 25 years service.

Consequent upon the infantry reductions resolved upon, the following alterations in the Army relief arrangements have been ordered :—

2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, Aden to Glasgow.

2nd Cameronians, Glasgow to Aldershot.

2nd Seaforth Highlanders, Aldershot to Edinburgh.

2nd Highland Light Infantry, Edinburgh to Fort George.

1st Black Watch, Fort George to the Curragh, 2nd Welsh, India to South Africa.

1st Welsh, Gravesend (to be vacated) to Borden.

1st Lancashire Fusiliers, Egypt to Malta.

1st North Lancashire, Kinsale (to be vacated) to the Curragh.

2nd Wiltshire, Pembroke Dock (to be vacated) to Tipperary.

2nd South Wales Borderers, Tidworth to Aldershot, in place of a Guards' battalion.

The 3rd Lancashire Fusiliers and 3rd Manchester, from South Africa (on reduction), to be brought home for disbandment.

The 4th Lancashire Fusiliers at Tipperary, and the 4th Manchester at Aldershot, to be disbanded.

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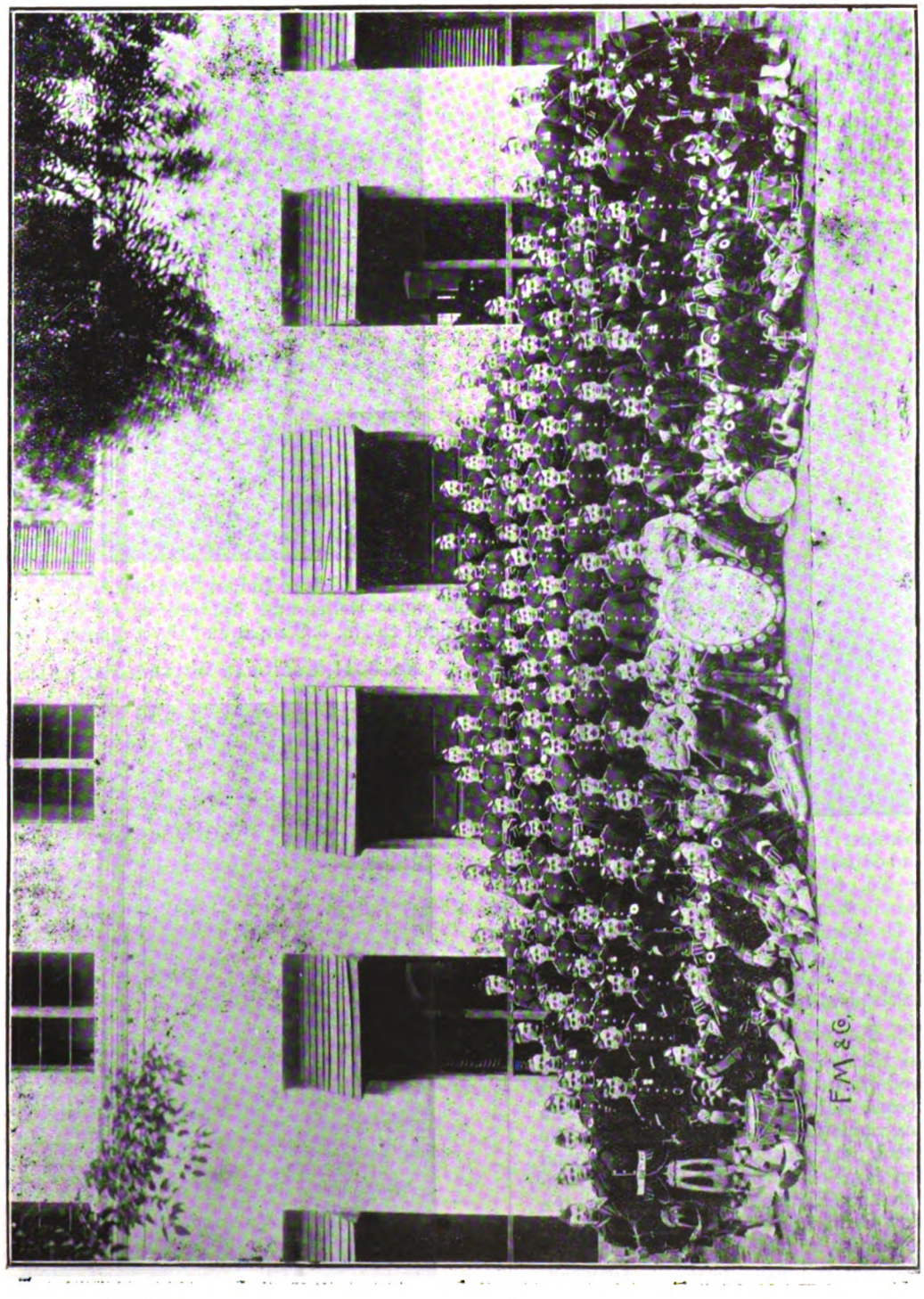

"F" Company, XCIII Highlanders, Winners of Regimental Shooting Shield, 1905-06.

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Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

No. 2603, Bugler David Cameron.

Enlisted at Glasgow, 16th May, 1851, for the 93rd Highlanders and served for about six years, leaving the Regiment at Dover in 1857, after its return from the Crimean Campaign. He served with the regiment in the Crimean Campaign and took part with it in the battles of Alma and Balaklava, the Siege and Capture of Sebastopol and the Expeditions to Kertch and Yenikale.

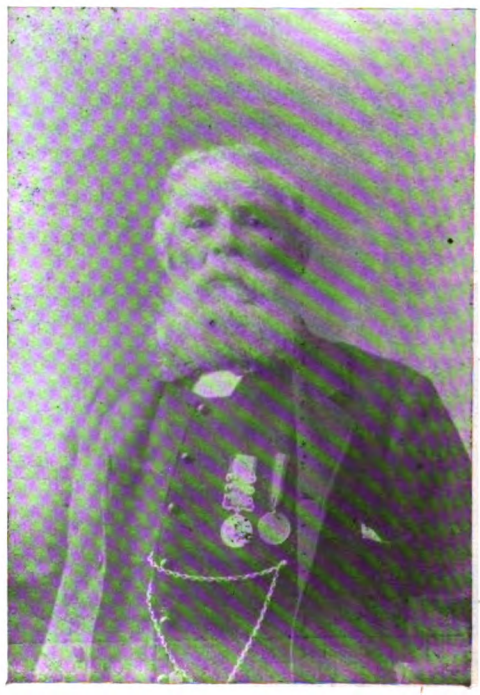
Has the Crimean medal with clasps for Alma Balaklava and Sabastopol; also the Turkish medal. Belonged to No. 4 Company and was a bugler during his whole term of service. Mr. Cameron, who is now 70 years of age, is a native of Bathgate, Linlithgowshire, and is a handloom weaver to trade, a means of livelihood he still follows when his health permits.

No. 2746, Private Robert Cunningham.

Enlisted at Kirkcaldy, 8th March 1852, for the 93rd Highlanders and served with the Regiment for over 11 years, being discharged at Aberdeen in 1863. Accompanied the Regiment to the Crimea and took part in the battles of Alma and Balaklava, the Siege of Sebastopol and the Expedition to Kertch and Yenikale; served also in the Indian Mutiny Campaign of 1857, and took part in all the operations in which the regiment was engaged. Has the following medals:—Crimean, with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol;

Turkish medals; Indian Mutiny medal, with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow. Belonged to No. 3 Company of the regiment.

No. 3041, Corporal William Falconer.



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Enlisted for 79th Highlanders, 11th February 1854. Served with the regiment throughout the Crimean Campaign and was slightly wounded by a shell splinter in the thigh during the siege of Sebastopol. Is in possession of the Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol, also the Turkish medal. Was discharged by purchase in 1858. Belonged to No. 3 Company in which he was a Corporal. This veteran was one of the veterans of the Regiment present at the Royal Review at Edinburgh last year and he was then a remarkably fresh looking man despite his 71 years. He is still at work, and looks fresh enough to continue in harness for a few years yet to come.

Letters to the Editor.

DEAR SIR,—It was with feelings of deep regret that I read in the obituary column of January's number of the "Thin Red Line," an account of the death and funeral of Color-Sergeant James Morrison at Beauly lately. I seldom think of anything that occurred in connection with the Russian cavalry charge, without also remembering the noble spurt made by this distinguished young soldier. Sir Colin retired the line in order to avoid the fire of a field battery of the enemy advanced into the plain on our right front. But as our Artillery had several guns of much greater range they quickly made the Russian battery retire. The enemy's cavalry now began to pour into the plain over the heights right in our front, and their numbers seemed legion. We now reformed line and were marched to our original position on the crest. On the "halt" command being given, my old departed friend James Morrison mistook it for charge, and off he bounded in that position. I was not a little surprised at his action and called him back, at the same time remarking to him that infantry never charge cavalry. James promptly replied, "Man, I thought Sir Colin intended meeting them half way." At this date he was a very young soldier, of a kindly obliging disposition, and a fine specimen of a Highland soldier. Some time ago I read with regret an account of another intimate friend of mine passing away—Color-Sergeant John Graham whom I attended when he took fever at Balaklava. He was also an exceedingly popular N.-C. O

J. COBB.

Sergeants' Mess Notes.

Since my notes appeared in the May number I have had little to write about. The usual monthly Dances and weekly Tennis "At Homes" have been held, but owing to the prevailing wet weather the tennis courts have had rather a small attendance. The dances have been fairly well patronised though, but considering the trouble taken by the Committee a larger attendance would be more gratifying.

The changes among members have been few but important. Sergeant Stobie has left us to join the Barrack Department at Secunderabad, and since his departure I regret to hear of his serious illness. By the time this appears I hope he will be well recovered and able to take up his duties again.

Sergeant "Ted" Mahoney and Drum Major Duff left us for home, the former to the Permanent Staff of the Militia, and at the same time to take charge *en route* of our late Drum Major who was proceeding to Netley. Then the sad news of our comrade's death reached us, and no sadder news has came to the mess for many years. A report of the funeral has already appeared in your columns so I will say no more than that our sympathies are with his mother in her bereavement. The members have ordered a tombstone to be erected over his grave.

Of new members we have Lance Sergeant Galbraith and Drum-Major Cridland.

An interesting Billiard Tournament was carried through in August, the scores, &c., being as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

Cr.-Sgt. Arnott,	- 200	beat	Sergt. Walker (40)	169
Lce.-Sgt. Galbraith	- 200	,,	Lce.-Sgt. McKinlay,(50)	172
Cr.-Sgt. Ewan,	- 200	,,	Sgt. Stewart (50)	145
Sgt. Langdon, (Xth Hussars.)	- 200	,,	McRae (30)	161
Sgt. Kerr,	- 200	,,	Sgt. Memmott (50)	173
Sgt. Norrie,	- 200	,,	S.-M. Ditcham,	170
Cr.-Sgt. McMaster	- 220	,,	Sgt. French, (20)	164
Cr.-Sgt. Clarke,	- 200	,,	Sgt. Milne, (80)	127
Sgt. Markey,	- 200	,,	Lce.-Sgt. Mardoch (50)	167
Sgt. Gibb,	- 200	,,	Sgt. Young, (40)	137
Lce.-Sgt. Tawse,	- 300	,,	Douglas, (60)	125
Cr.-Sgt. Brash	- 200	,,	Scott (R. A.) (60)	121
Sgt. Watt	- 200	,,	Harding (10)	134
Sgt. Balfour (40)	- 200	,,	Bd.-Sgt. Peggie	196
O. R. S. McDonald - Lce.-Sgt. Alder -	Byes			

SECOND ROUND.

Cr.-Sgt. Ewan,	- 200	beat	O. R. S. McDonald (70)	197
Sgt. Kerr, (40)	- 200	,,	Sgt. Norrie,	184
Lce.-Sgt. Galbraith, (60)	- 200	,,	Cr. Sgt. Clarke	139
Cr.-Sgt. Brash,	- 200	,,	Sgt. Markey (30)	196
,, McMaster,	- 200	,,	Lce.-Sgt. Alder (60)	157
Sgt. Langdon,	- 200	,,	Sgt. Watt	157
Lce.-Sgt. Tawse,	- 200	,,	Cr.-Sgt. Arnott (50)	199
Sgt. Gibb,	- 200	,,	Sgt. Balfour (50)	192

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THIRD ROUND.

Sgt. Kerr, (45)	- 200 beat Lce.-Sgt. Tawse	185
Cr.-Sgt. McMaster	- 200 ,, ,, Galbraith (35)	181
Sgt. Langdon (20)	- 200 ,, Sgt. Gibb	174
Cr.-Sgt. Brash,	- 200 ,, Cr.-Sgt. Ewan	197

SEMI-FINAL.

Cr.-Sgt. McMaster,	- 200 beat Sgt. Kerr, (30)	185
Sgt. Langdon,	- 200 ,, Cr.-Sgt. Brash,	170

FINAL.

Cr.-Sgt. McMaster,	- 200 beat Sgt. Langdon,	146

The final game shewed McMaster in good form, making a 28 break early in the game leading till 62. Langdon then passed him, but was pulled in after 80. McMaster with a 26 increased his lead to 60 and finally left his opponent at 146. The winner played a safe game, Langdon remaining at 100 for a good period.

Ready for Retreat.

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An Appreciation.

(The following letter has reached the Editor, and while rather diffident, as a rule, in publishing laudatory notices regarding this journal, he does so in this case, as it aptly express his own sentiments.)

THE BUNK.
MONDAY NIGHT.

Maister Editor,

Its no aften a' tak it i' my heid tae write letters, bit hae'in twa, three meenites whilk a' can safely say are spare (nae whustlin noo) an' bein' in a vera contented state o' min,' it be'in pey day, a' hae jaloosed that a word or twa frae an auld frien' like masel' ill no be 'oot o' place.

Noo a' maun' tell ye a' hae aye been greatly ta'en on wi' 'oor "Thin Yin," an' mair sae this while back than ever. A' dinna' like tae' "shoot" ma neck' oot aboot ma' service or a' wad tell ye whin a' first began tae support it wi' ma "patronnage" as the big bugs say, bit ninety-seeven wisnae the first yeer that a' doled' oot ma munthly tippence or a' sud say ma' "dozie" fur its welcum leefs, whilk a' hae vera reg'lur (an' sometimes no jist sae reg'lur aw'n tae financial deeficculties) sent hame tae Jean, wha, as ye ken, is a weel dae'in buddie wi' a laundry o' her ain in the Cutty Sides in Glesca. A' hae, as a' said afore, a great veneration fur 'oor paper an' ye hae nae idee hoo ma' hert gaed whaputy whup whin a' he'rd o' the possible conteengincy o' a' smash up whin we ga'ed tae Sooth Africa awn tae the fancy prices, a'm tel't, everything hes i' that laun. A've alwis likit tae pick up an auld yin an' hae a luik at some o' the daeins an' sa'eins o' some o' ma' auld cronies, an', am share, naethin' sits me better than tae compare the past glories that we hed i' the fitba' an' athletic warl wi' the smeddum that charactereses 'oor efferts in the same line noo-a-days. Maist o' thae auld faces hae been removed, some tae yae bit, an' some tae anither, an' a wheen tae a laun whaur theres nae turnin frae. But in the leefs o' the "Thin Yin" they a' leeve ower agin, an' he's a gey puir soger, i' my opeenion, that disna feel as tho' his jaiket wis faur ower sma' fur him whun he reads o' 'oor past exploits. Am shair the "Rories" 'll no pairt wi' sic' a frien' as oor "Thin Yin" wi'thoot daein thir level best tae' keep it alive tho' we hae tae' pairt wi' a hale saxpence, as 'oor late frien Leech wad say, fur yae buik. My Toonie "Forage Cap" o' the "News" exactly expresses ma sentiments whun he says we maun a' dae 'oor bit wi' regaird tae the circulation at hame an' 'oot bye, an' a' hae nae doot he, alang wi' a wheen ithers o' ma' Toonies 'ill no be blait in gien us a haun baith wi their pens and their pence.

Noo, in conclusion, a' kinna' feel as tho' a' haena said eneugh, the subjec' 's that big, an' hais sae meikle i' its favour, but, a'll hae tae stop as its' gettin' gey late an' a' hae tae rise erly i' the mornin' tae set tae ma graft, 'cause if a'm no there, weel——, ye ken yersel,——a'll be some ither bit, an', as a' hae ma 'ee on a "rooti" ane.

A'll juist remain—Yers brawly,

ALLEY MCGRAW.

P.S.—A'm ettlin tae gie ye a bit screed noo an' agin whin a' hae time.

Twa Hundred Pipers and a' and a'.

Brass band competitions, which have so long excited the musical enthusiasm of the country, are likely in future to have the rivalry of pipe bands. There is something portentous in the innovation which will be introduced at the Dunoon Highland Games when for a challange shield designed by the Princes Louise, and presented by the Duke of Argyll, no fewer than eighteen pipe bands from all parts of the Highlands and Lowlands, will compete. It means the presence of a good many more than "the hundred pipers" of the song, for in this competition alone, exclu-

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sive of the ordinary solo performances, there will be at least 190 performers on the "national instrument" with the accompaniment of at least eighty drums. As the pipe bands are at one stage of the proceedings to play "The Campbells are Coming" in mass, the Duke of Argyll, Chieftain of the Games, is likely to have the marching tune of his clan indelibly recorded on his memory. It will probably be the biggest concerted bagpipe performance ever heard since the pipers played on the morning of Culloden. Sutherlandshire has, on several occasions in recent years, turned out a hundred pipers in one band, but that achievement is to be far outstripped at the games in Cowal. I have called it portentous because I fancy it is an innovation sure to be followed up elsewhere. Bagpipe playing has, in the past fifteen years, become very prevalent in Scotland; there are far more pipes being played to-day than at any previous time in the history of the country —more particularly in the lowlands, where the popularity of the instrument might not so naturally have been looked for. Dozens of mining towns in the neighbourhood of Glasgow have now their pipe bands; you can see them parade on Saturdays and occasions of holiday with Highland uniforms down to dirk and sgean-dubh, and "everything handsome about them" except that they rarely know how to *put* on their unaccustomed garments. A military uniform, hitherto, has never looked so burlesque as when worn by a band of hollowchested amateur flute-players from the coal country; a Highland piper's garments include so much more of the grandiose that the absence of any taste in wearing it produces an effect even more pathetic, and some of the pipe bands I have seen this summer coming to the coast with excursion parties looked as if their kilts, plaids, doublets and bonnets had been thrown on them by hay-forks. The Dunoon Games authorities, wisely, will give marks in the competition for smartness of appearance and drill as well as for playing. The word "skirl" I have no doubt, will be used a great many times on Saturday at Dunoon, for "the skirl of the pipes" is a phrase that seems to have rooted itself in the affections of every journalist who has to allude to the performance of that instrument. I loathe the word; it is as ugly as it is inadequate and inapplicable—a term half-insulting, invented, possibly, by some undiscerning and unappreciative Southron. The bagpipe may scream, clamour, cry, hum, howl, neigh, roar, twitter, or bray, but to say that it "skirls" is to be under the obsession of a foolish local word which is not found in fastidious dictionaries. It is not even a word to be improved by any alteration in its spelling, though the Canadian poet, Wilfred Campbell, in a charming poem entitled, "The World-Mother" (meaning Scotland) has tried to soften it in a line which refers to "humming pipes of the squirling din". Some novelty is certainly wanted badly in Highland Games—which, except for piping, dancing, and caber-throwing, are very much like any other games. The throwing of the caber has always struck me as a rather absurd and useless form of athletics, its antiquity very dubious. Where is it first referred to in literature? Highland dancing in one of the finest of exercises—probably the best of all that are considered national; it is furthermore one of the very few truly typical and ancient Scots recreations that survive, but even Highland dancing is endangered by the innovations of professional dancers, who have grafted on to it some pretty, but effeminite tricks, that may have suited Taglioni, but scarcely suit the kilt. To my mind the best, though by no means the more agile, dancers are amateurs. Bagpipe playing, too, is in the transition stage of which the ordinary person is blissfully unconscious. He knows—sometimes—marches, reels, and strathspeys, when he hears them, and may appreciate qualities of tune, precision, and melody, but the piobaireachd is, generally speaking, quite beyond his comprehension, and the piobaireachd provides the classical standard of pipe-playing. It is the only measure to which highly-skilled performers give serious consideration.

It is doubtful if, even in the best days of the Macrimmon Pipe College in Skye, when seven years' incessant tuition were necessasy to turn out an expert, there were piobaireachd players so good as half-a-score of present day performers who could be named. But for generations the musical setting of the variations upon well-known old piobaireachds has not been stereotyped, and many players had their own way of playing them. A Piobaireachd Society has of recent years been formed for the editing of piobaireachd music, and for securing a universal aud standard arrangement of variations. This society is now giving the chief prizes, and providing the judges, for piobaireachd playing at the principal Highland gatherings. It is publishing in parts standard setting of the various airs, and the third instalment of these was issued two months ago. From this third part of the Society's publications, the competitors at the big Highland gatherings this autumn will have to select their tunes. This means that many of them will have to forget settings they had proviously learned and long practiced, and go into practice de novo; and the time allowed for that is said by many of them to be quite inadequate.

But there is no feature of the ordinary Highland Gathering so unsatisfactory as the judging. It has degenerated, in some quarters, into a farce. Associated with a professional piper (usually from

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the Army), who acts as assessor, are usually, two or three lay judges, whose only qualifications often are that they wear the kilt and are of some social importance in the district where the games take place. This refers also to the judges of dancing. Despite the best efforts of the professional judge, prizes are often allocated on the most eccentric principles. It was at one time thought that, by following the practice at brass band competitions, and having the judges inside a tent where they had to give their decisions upon the respective competitors without seeing them, such unfairness would be made impossible. But, as it happens, the identity of a piper is usually so clearly revealed in his tuning or in his first few notes that the judges might as well have his card handed in to them. These evils, it is good to see, are beginning to be remedied. The theatrical element—the show side of the thing—has entered so considerably into Highland gatherings—thanks to the Royal patronage for Braemar—that a more emphatic theatricalism has been suggested as likely to increase the popularity and profits of such meetings. An organiser like Buffalo Bill could take the Highland gathering as it is to-day—a somewhat stereotyped, slow, and monotonous form of public entertainment—and turn it into a stirring spectacle, artistic and educative. One can readily imagine what could be done by drilling men, and attiring them in proper clan costumes—not the multi-medalled nondescript clothes of the average Highland competitor of to-day; by tableaux in which the march, the bivouac, the attack, the dance, the song, and all the incidents of old clan life in peace and war would be depicted. With all the available expert athletes, dancers, singers, and pipers of the country engaged in such an enterprise, it might tour round the world and stir the sense of romance as much as did "Waverley" or "Rob Roy". I present the idea, free, to any man with the essential imagination, brains, and capital. Most Games Committees, I think, have given up offering prizes for "the best-dressed Highlander at his own expense"—a competition that naturally excited the derision of the Sassenach, who had not realised that but for the qualification, the enterprising competitor might borrow most of his garments for the occasion, or figure as a braw lad at the expense of his employer. The only attempt I have seen of late years to reinstitute this competition was a failure; only one "best-dressed Highlander" turned up, and he was an object to cause grief to the judicious. Yet it is a pity that some way of encouraging the right use of the right sort of Highland costume, when it is worn at all, cannot be devised. Though I am reluctant to confess it, I find that—contrary to the ideas of the humorist in Scotland—the men who show the best taste in the wearing of Highland dress are apt not to be Highlanders or Scotsmen at all, unless the possession of a Highland shooting-lodge and a remote connection with some Highland clan make them so. Cairngorms, goat-skin sporrans, silver buttons, and the Glengarry bonnet—to these false gods have we natives fallen down. The Highland dancing competitor, with a hundred medals—more or less easily obtainable—suspended from his chest and stomach, is a spectacle to make the angels weep.—"*Onlooker*" *in the* "*Glasgow Evening News.*"

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Home and Depot Notes.

"Forage Cap" writes as follows in the *Glasgow Evening News*.—For a real good outing, give me an afternoon with the instructional staff of the Renfrewshire Brigade. This time, and last Friday, Hole Farm Range, Greenock, was the rendezvous. It was a great and splendid outing. The weather was not by any means good. The light was at times a "bit thick"; but that did not at all interfere with the progress as well as the enjoyment of a first-class fixture. We "put them all on" for 70. Here are the details—22, 26, 22—70. Of course, if you shut one eye, and with the only other one left, you detect the "bull" quietly disappearing from the centre of the target, you know that the light is bad! But it was a new weapon, and there you are. Saw Sergeant-Major Wright, Greenock, shoot against the gallant Beattie, from the 'Shaws. Result—1st Renfrew, first; 3rd Renfrew, second—close up. The top scorer was Sergt.-Instructor Soutar, Paisley Battalion, who gave the winners 88 points; while Tyndall had 87. Saw Swan, of Neilston, put on 32, with an outer, at 500 yards. He finished 82; while his comrade Irving, of the 1st Renfrew, had 83 points. Mrs. Irving, of Port-Glasgow, looked after the ladies, while Sergeant-Major Wright had a capable staff looking after the other side of the house. There was dancing for the ladies; there were races for the children; and there was deep thinking in philosophic fashion for those who did not dance. What a boon the cars are! The Barrhead contingent came off at Paisley; took tea with music at Ambulance-Sergeant Goudie's fine quarters in the Municipal Buildings, and then, by Potterhill, straight hame. It was a most delightful outing.

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A very interesting quadrangular rifle match between the Royal Marines Depôt, Deal; the Royal Engineers; the Royal Marines, Chatham, and the 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, took place at Gravesend on 27th June, and ended in a win for the Marines Depôt. A

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gusty wind interfered with the shooting, and as the members of our 1st Battalion have had very little practice with the new short rifle their scores are very creditable.

Result: R. M. Depôt, Total 696. Average 87.
R. M. Chatham, „ 662. „ 85.
R. E. „ „ 670, „ 83.
1st A. & S. H. „ 613. „ 76.

The team consisted of Q.-M. S. McPherson, Colour-Sergeants Gibb, Bogie, Inglis, Russell, Duguid and Clayton; Sergeants Macdermaid, Dunsmore and Bain.

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In the United Service Challenge Cup competed for by teams representing the Regular Army, Navy and Auxiliary Forces the following was the result,—

1st Volunteers ...Total Pts.		744.	Average	93.
2nd Rl. Marines..	„	738	„	92.
3rd Army ...	„	735	„	91.
4th Rl. Navy ...	„	724	„	90.
5th Yeomanry ...	„	683	„	85.
6th Militia ...	„	660	„	82.

The competition was at Bisley Targets at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

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The 34th Field Army Volunteer Brigade, the efficient organisation of which Colonel P. D. Trotter has since 1901 been responsible for, ceased to exist on the termination of the recent training camp at Barry. The ceremony at the burial of the camp flag, which was taken part in by the whole of the Brigade, was highly interesting.

The American Abroad.

In Scotland

Two American tourists were sitting one summer evening outside in the garden of a small hotel on the shore of Loch Lomond, enraptured with the beautiful view and scenery all round.

The proprietor of the hotel came up to them, and expressed the hope that they were comfortable, and feeling at home in his hotel. "Your what, do you call it?" asked one of the tourists. "My hotel, sir, and, moreover, one that has sheltered many distinguished travellers," replied the Scotch proprietor. "Well, stranger, in my country—the U.S.A.—an erection like this would be called a shanty." "Ah? I daresay," said the proprietor, "but you see, sir, it was a hotel over here about the time your country was first discovered." This sarcasm was too much for the Yankee, for when the proprietor asked if they did not admire the lovely view they had from the grounds of Ben Lomond, one of the highest mountains in Scotland, he said: "Mountain you call it indeed! In America, man alive, a hill like that would be a mere rock, nothing more." "Weel, weel," replied the Scot, "your country is, of course a great one, and everything over there is on a larger scale without a doubt; anyway, gentlemen, what have you to say to the fine view you have here of Loch Lomond—the largest lake in the kingdom?"

"Lake? Snakes! Why, in the States it would be little more than a puddle, and as for your Kingdom, why, you could put it all into Lake Superior," the Yankee remarked.

The Scotsman then left them, fully determined to be even with tbe bow-drawing American, and in strolling along by the shore of the Loch he picked up a large fresh water crab. Returning to the hotel he gleefully placed the crab in the Yankee's bed, then withdrew to await the result of his handiwork. He had not long to wait, for presently he heard wild shouts and yells upstairs, bells ringing, and a general commotion, and on going up apparently unconcernedly to see what was the matter, he discovered the Yankee tearing up and down the passage unable to speak for a time with pain and rage, with the crab firmly fixed to his big toe.

"What in the name of creation do you call this that I found in my bed to-night?" he yelled at the Scot.

"Oh! that is just what we call *a wee bit Scotch flea* over here, sir, but it shouldn't have been in your bed, ye ken," he replied as he removed the crab.

The New Inter-Company Football Trophy.

Designed and executed by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths' Association of London, the trophy presented by Captain P. D. McCandlish for competition in the Inter-company Football League, takes the form of an ebony shield with bronze centrepiece. This latter contains in silver the Ninety-Third crest, the colours crossed on each side. Above is a scroll with "Inter-Company Football League" engraved, while round the sides are small silver plates to receive the names of the winning companies.

"A" Company are to be congratulated on their being the first to hold the shield.

The old trophy, the clock, appears to have taken a new lease of life, thanks to the application of the party in charge of it but we understand it is proposed to hand it over to the Sergeants' Mess for presentation.

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The Origin of the Highland Regiments.

The recently published autobiography of the late Duke of Argyll is ably reviewed in a recent issue of the *Oban Times* and from it we learn of an important point in the history of the Highland regiments. Up to the present time we had been content to accredit Lord Chatham with the idea of enlisting the support of the clans by forming them into a part of the regular army, but the Duke's autobiography has thrown a new light on the matter. The following extract may therefore prove of interest.

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It was, says His Grace, a happy thought to appeal to the military spirit of the Highland clans after the Forty-five and thus open a new field of recruiting for the army. "But by some unaccountable mistake," he adds, "this happy thought has been universally attributed to a man who had nothing whatever to do with it—except to take advantage of it years after its practical bility and triumphant success had been proved on one of the bloodiest of the battle-fields of Europe. That man is the elder Pitt, afterwards Lord Chatham. . . . . Nothing can be more certain than that the whole merit of the scheme for the enlistment of Highlanders, whatever merit that may have been, belonged, not to any English Ministry, but to two Scottish statesmen, both themselves Highlanders, who were already in possession of power and of high reputation in years when the future Chatham was yet a boy. These two Highlanders were Duncan Forbes of of Culloden, proprietor of the estate on which the battle was fought, and his intimate friend, Archibald, Lord Islay, younger brother of John, Duke of Argyll and Greenwich, who succeeded to the dukedom in 1743. Five years before the elder Pitt had ever entered Parliament—in 1730—the scheme had been commenced by the enlistment of local companies which received the now famous name of the Black Watch. . . . . In 1738, Duncan Forbes drew up a paper advising an extension of the policy of enlisting Highlanders in the regular army. It was warmly received by his friend, Lord Islay, and by him laid before Sir Robert Walpole." The Duke has little difficulty in proving that long before the elder Pitt was even in subordinate office, Highland regiments were, by their gallantry and discipline, winning the praise of Europe. But we fear the Duke's exposure of the facts will never catch up on Chatham's eloquent and thrilling claim to having brought "valour from the North," which still figures in the schoolbooks of Scotland.

Ninety-Third Calendar for October, 1906.

1 M. Establishment raised to 25 officers, 43 sergeants, 21 drummers and pipers, and 820 rank and file = 909, 1877. Tochi Campaign: return of second column to Datta Khel from Khaza Valley, 1897.
2 Tu. Returned to Sherranni from second Khaza column, 1897.
3 W. Zowe column under General Egerton left Sheranni, 1897.
4 Th. NINETY-THIRD on H.M. Frigate "*Galatea*," and Troopship "*Tyne*" left Newfoundland for Sunderland, 1815.
5 F.
6 S. Hackles for helmets taken into wear, Poona 1905.
7 S New colours presented by Duke of Wellington at Canterbury, 1834: these colours were carried through the Crimea Campaign, and are now in Glasgow Cathedral. Murree Football Cup, won, 1896.
8 M.
9 Tu. Assault-at-Arms, Poona 1906.
10 W. Wing from Sialkot to Lahore for Durbar, 1864; Sir John Lawrence, K.C.B., Viceroy and Governor-General of India. Battalion leaves Ranikhet for Shahjahanpur to guard Boer prisoners of War, 1901.
11 Th. Field Firing Camp at Karakwasla 1904.
12 F. Fourth attack of cholera at Peshawar necessitating move into camp, 1862. Frontier Medals distributed, Chaubattia, 1898.
13 S. Canterbury for Weedon by detachments, 1834.
14 S Canterbury for Weedon, 1834. Battalion arrives Shahjahanpur, 1901.
15 M. Canterbury for Weedon, 1834. Embarked Calcutta, for Bombay, 1903.
16 Tu. Halifax for Quebec, 1838.
17 W. Siege of Sevastopol commenced, 1854. Four companies to Ferozpore, 1864.
18 Th. Tochi Campaign. Return of Zowe column to Sheranni, 1897.
19 F. Arrival of Boer prisoners of War at Shahjahanpur, 1901.
20 S. Lieut.-Colonel Rothe retired, 1853.
21 S William Bernard Ainslie, Lieut.-Colonel, 1853.
22 M. Head-quarter Wing left Chaubattia for Almora manœuvres, 1898.
23 Tu. Arrived Guernsey from Fort George, 1800; fully armed and equipped. Establishment reduced to 35 sergeants, 22 drummers, 650 rank and file, 1817. R.I.M.S. "*Hardinge*" with Ninety-Third on board, disembarked Bombay from Calcutta, 1903.
24 W. Arrived Poona from Calcutta, 1903.
25 Th. NINETY-THIRD disembarked, Sunderland from Newfoundland, 1815. **BATTLE OF BALAKLAVA** the **"THIN RED LINE"** of Glorious Memory, 1854. Tochi Campaign; third Khaza column left Sheranni, 1897.
26 F.
27 S. Embarked by detachments at Liverpool for Dublin, 1835. Returned Sialkot, from Lahore December, 1864.
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29 M. Embarked Liverpool for Dublin, 1835.. Arrived Quebec from Halifax, 1835. Colonel F. W. Trail-Burroughs relinquished Command, 1873. Returned from Almora manœuvres, 1898

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30 T. William Macbean, Lieut.-Colonel, 1873.
31 W. Arrived Montreal from Quebec, 1838. Tochi Campaign; Sadda Khan, Chief of the Madda Khan Waziris, surrendered to General Corrie-Bird, Inzar Kuch, 1898.

The Cost of Military Manœuvres.

In some parts of our country the presence of troops means that the people try to establish by any means, fair or foul, the most exorbitant claims. Some of these are ludicrous enough. In one of the Irish divisional manœuvres of 1904, a claim was made by a farmer for the wages for one day of two of his labourers. On being asked on what grounds he claimed this, his reply was that the whole army had passed along a road adjacent to a field where the men were working, and "naturally the men stopped work to see them"!

In another case a field had been hired for the camp of a division for one night. The sum paid was a substantial one, and it included the use of a pump for supplying water to the troops. The pump, however, was very old and rusty, and under the vigorous arm of the British soldier it broke. The owner promptly sent in a claim for £10. The compensation officer offered him a smaller sum, which

WAS INDIGNANTLY REFUSED.

Ultimately the compensation officer appealed to the commanding engineer, who sent an artificer to repair the pump. The artificer put in new valves and a new rod, making the pump practically as good as new for eleven shillings. But the worst case that has ever come before the writer was in connection with a field-firing area. From what has been said above it will be seen that a good field-firing ground is not easy to find. However, in this case there was an excellent place for the actual firing, and close to it a suitable piece of rough ground for preliminary manœuvres. Between the two lay a small strip of land which had to be crossed by troops passing from one to the other. The tenant of this land had agreed to accept a certain sum on account of permitting passage of troops, albeit the actual crossing of the men did absolutely no damage to the land, which was all moorland pasture. Everything appeared settled, when the landlord interferred. He had met one of the staff officers concerned at some country house, and he wrote privately, saying he hoped this officer would help him to get

A GOOD LARGE SUM

out of the Government. When he received a very cold reply, he sent in a most preposterous demand, threatening to prevent all passage of troops whatever unless his claim were paid. Surely this is blackmail of the very worst description. The result of this greed is frequently that it defeats its own ends. At some cavalry manœuvres in 1905 arrangements had been made for a camp, hired for a handsome sum, near a certain town. A regiment which was to occupy the ground arrived there and pitched camp. No sooner had they settled down comfortably than the municipal authorities demanded a further sum or threatened to cut off the water supply. Fortunately the General of the brigade was there. He at once ordered the troops to strike camp and march off to another camp at some distance, leaving the enraged townspeople, who were thus deprived of the custom of the troops, to settle matters with their discomfited Mayor and Corporation—From "Land for Military Training," by Colonel G. K. Scott Moncrieff, C.I.E., R.E., in "Blackwood's Magazine."

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM "THE LONDON GAZETTE" DATED 20TH JULY 1902.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland) Highlanders.

2nd Lieutenant Lord G. H. L. Dundas, resigns his commission.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Acting S. and T. Sergeant.

No. 9908, Private W. Faulds, "G" Company, dated 1st August 1906.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 6879, Drummer D. Clark, "G" Company, dated 13th August.

No. 7500, Private A. Ballantine, "B" Company, dated 22nd August.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 7809, Lce.-Cpl. W. Ferguson, "B" Company, dated 4th June.

No. 6338, Lce.-Cpl. W. Balfour, "F" Company, dated 8th August.

No. 6449, Lce.-Cpl. G. W. Yeo, "C" Company, dated 27th August.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND INCREASED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 9119, Private S. Bond.

"B" Company.

No. 7176, Private G. Monaghan.

"C" Company.

No. 8094, Pte. J. Scott. | No. 8100, Pte. J. Clark.
,, 4417, ,, J. Riddell. | ,, 7807, ,, A. Taylor.

"D" Company.

No. 8088, Private D. McNab.

"E" Company.

No. 8090, Private W. Green.

"H" Company.

No. 8089, Private J. Patterson.

Class I at Sixpence.

No. 7858 Private C. Morrison,
,, 7875 ,, J. Caldwell,
,, 7121 ,, J. Vernon
,, 8044 ,, J. Middleton
,, 7624 ,, J. Perrie
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,, 6777 ,, J. McGlasson, "D" Company.

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No. 10153 Pte. H. Hadley, "B" Company.
,, 9001 ,, S. McIvor, "F"
,, 9215 ,, W. Park, "G"
,, 7738 ,, A. McInnes, "H"

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted four Good Conduct Badges.

No. 3698 Private F. Grant, "A" Company.

Granted three Good Conduct Badges;

No. 5211 Private D. Quinn, "A" Company.

Granted two Good Conduct Badges.

"A" Company.

No. 9119 Pte. S. Bond | No. 8082 Pte. J. Gallacher.

"B" Company.

No. 7675, Private J. Miller.

"C" Company.

No. 8100 Pte. J. Clark | No, 8094 Pte. J. Scott.

"D" Company.

No. 5198 Pte. J. Marshall—No. 8083 Pte. T. Forsyth.
No. 8088 Pte, "D" McNab.

"H" Company.

No. 8089 Private J. Patterson.

Granted one good Conduct Badge.

No. 7176 Pte. G. Monaghan } "B" Company.
,, 9459 Drummer H. Martin }
No. 9383, Pte. C. Dunn, } "C" Company.
,, 4417, ,, C. Riddell, }
,, 5112, ,, H. Crawford, "D" ,,
,, 9480, ,, A. Smith, "E" ,,

CERTIFICATES.

Qualified at the School of Musketry, Satara, 30th June 1906.

No. 4805, Sergeant W. Norrie, "F" Coy. } "Dis-
,, 6851, Lce.-Sgt. E. Brett, "C" ,, } tinguished".

Granted Nursing Certificates dated Poona 4th August.

No. 7074, Private W. Shirra, "B" Company.
,, 8060, ,, A. Crawford, "D" ,,
,, 7431, ,, W. Mather, "D" ,,
,, 9581, ,, W. Braithwaite, "H" ,,

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Permitted to continue beyond 21 years.

No. 2035, Bandsman E. Chidley, "D" Company.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

No. 5507, Bandsman W. Reynolds, "B" Company.
,, 5410, Private H. Bartholomew, ,,

Extended to complete 9 years' service.

No. 9410, Private D. Hattrick, "B" Company.

NUMBERS.

Numbers have been allotted to the following men as under:—

No. 10152 to Pte. J. Trobridge, "D" Company.
,, 10153 ,, ,, H. Hadley, "B" ,,
,, 10154 ,, ,, J. Paxton, "B" ,,
,, 10155 ,, ,, P. T. Moss, "F" ,,

FURLOUGHS.

The undermentioned are granted furlough:—

No. 7507, Pte R. Kean, 4th Augt. to 3rd Sept.
,, 9487, ,, T. McDonald, 8th ,, ,, 8th ,,
,, 7868, ,, W. Sherlaw, 3rd Sept. to 30th ,,
,, 5640, ,, M. Fogg, 17th ,, ,, 17th ,,

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

DITCHAM.—At Poona on the 27th day of August, to the wife of Sergeant-Major H. G. Ditcham, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a son, James Frederick.

MCGILLIVRAY.—At Poona on the 8th day of August, to the wife Corporal D. McGillivray, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret Robertson.

BUCHANAN.—At Poona on the 31st day of August, to the wife of Sergeant Master Cook J. Buchanan, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter, Mary Josephine.

DEATH.

POLLOCK.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 17th August 1906, No. 5607, Private W. Pollock, "H" Company.

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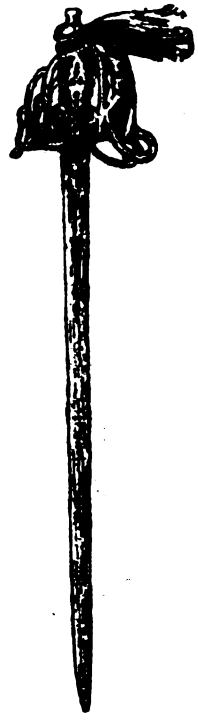

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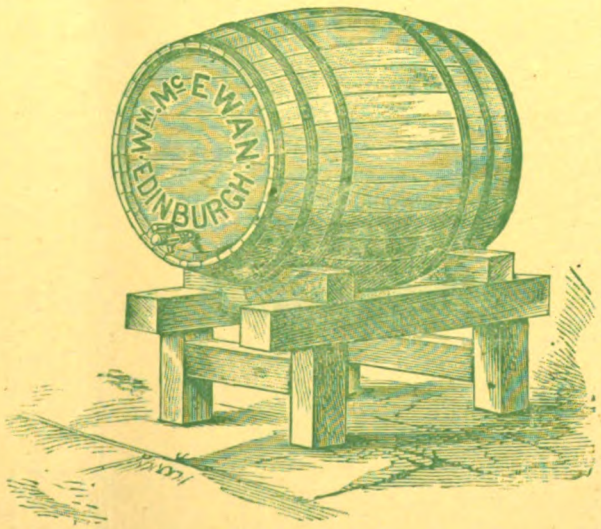

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SKIRLS

Poona is, to all appearances, keeping up its record for general unhealthiness during the monsoon season. While these lines are being written all sorts of diseases are prevalent not only in the Cantonment, but even in the Barracks. Plague, unprecedented in its ravages, is virulent both in City and Suburbs, and it is with regret we record its appearance in our ranks. Enteric fever has also claimed its victims, three fatal cases having occurred in the Battalion up to date.

With the cessation of the rain and the approaching hot weather we hope disease will abate. At present business outside of barracks is practically stagnant, the troops in Poona being practically confined to Barracks.

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While many have been laid low by illness, to no one has more sympathy been accorded that to our respected Commanding Officer, Colonel Paterson, during the continued critical illness of Mrs. Paterson. Hovering at death's door for many days, only by careful nursing was she saved, and though not by any means out of danger yet, the progressive symptoms displayed lead us to hope that a speedy recovery may be hers. Colonel Paterson can rest assured that the sincere sympathy of all ranks is with him in this trying hour.

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Another victim of enteric is Lieutenant the Honourable Robert Bruce, who was attacked shortly after his return from leave. We are glad to hear he has got over the critical stage and thanks to an excellent constitution, is making a rapid recovery.

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It is our pleasant duty to congratulate our late Commanding Officer, Colonel J. H. Campbell, on his being promoted from half pay to the command of the Eastern Counties Grouped Regimental District with the rank of Brigadier-General, in succession to Colonel C. R. Townley. The Eastern Regimental District comprises six Infantry Depôts, fourteen Militia Battalions, seventeen Volunteer Battalions and two Artillery Depôts, and we trust we will not be accused of "blawin' oor horn" when we point out that Brigadier-General Campbell served, during the whole of his twenty-six years' service, continuously in the Ninety-Third, and for the Army Council to give an appointment of this nature to a purely regimental officer is exceptional.

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Intimation has just been received that our destination in South Africa has been altered from

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Pretoria to Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony District.

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It has been decided that all time-expired men who should proceed home this season, will be sent home prior to the departure of the Battalion for South Africa. The first transport to leave is the "Assaye" on 5th October and it is expected that over one hundred N.-C. O's. and men will proceed with it. This is the largest party of time-expired men that has yet left us, and amongst them are many well-known and valued members. The *Thin Red Line* wishes all of them every success in civil life and as most of them are members of the Regimental Association we have no doubt the annual gathering, a year hence, will be an interesting one.

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At the Argyllshire Gathering recently held at Oban an interesting item was a competition among gentlemen pipers for marches, strathspeys, and reels. There were several competitors, and Capt. C. A H. Maclean, Adjutant of the Stirlingshire Volunteers, succeeded in carrying off first honours in both events. Captain Maclean also took second prize for Piobaireached on the second day. He also judged the professional pipe playing.

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Captain H. H. G. Hyslop, who is at present officiating as Inspector of Gymnasia in India, recently paid a visit to the Battalion in his official capacity. We observe that he has passed in Higher Standard Urdu and Lower Standard Pushtu.

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At the examination for First Class Certificates of Education held on 25th September, the number of Candidates from the Ninety-Third was no less than sixteen. We hope to hear of their ultimate success.

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A recent *Times of India* contains, in addition to many interesting pictures of the social season in Poona, an excellent group of the competing teams, of whom the Ninety-Third formed one, in the Junior Polo Tournament. In our columns this month appears an account of the Open Polo Tournament which was won by the Poona Gymkhana Team. We take this opportunity of congratulating Messrs. Herbert, Kennedy, Falconar-Stewart and Reynard (12th Lancers) on their success and have much pleasure in reproducing a photograph of the winning team.

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During the past month several interesting War Games have been carried through by our officers in the Garrison School Room. On the first occasion Major Mackenzie and Captain Maclean opposed each other, being assisted by Captain McCandlish, Lieutenants Sandeman, Bruce and Forbes, and Lieutenants Thomson, Fenzi and Maclaine respectively, while on the second occasion Lieutenants Thomson and Herbert commanded the different forces, their assistants being Lieutenants Fenzi, Forbes and Sandeman, and Kennedy, Bruce and Falconar-Stewart.

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"C" Company under Captain A. H. Maclean and Lieutenants Forbes and Porteous commenced a short course of Mounted Infantry duties at the Wanowrie School. We understand that all the N.-C. O's. and men who pass the riding test will be retained in the Company and the establishment required in South Africa will be made up by transfers from other companies. On arrival in Orange River Colony the M. I. Company will probably form part of the 2nd Regiment of Mounted Infantry stationed at Harrismith.

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"E" and "G" Companies have concluded their annual course of musketry and "A" Company under Captain McCandlish have commenced. On "G" and "E" Companies finishing Gymnastics a temporary stoppage has been occasioned owing to the strain of duty being exceptionally heavy consequent on the reduction of the Battalion by the departure of the time expired men.

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Second Lieutenant A. Stirling, on arrival in the Battalion has been posted to "F" Company.

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We much regret to hear of the illness of Lieutenant Cunninghame while at home. Having been granted extension of leave he will not re-join the Battalion in India.

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In pursuance of the Commander-in-Chief's scheme for the prevention of enteric fever, an opportunity of being innoculated was given to the N.-C. O's. and men of the Battalion. Each Company was paraded separately and the advantages explained by Lieutenant-Colonel Meek, R.A.M.C., when volunteers were called for. We are glad to see that a fair percentage of the younger members of the Ninety-Third took advantage of the occasion.

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In connection with the Annual Exhibition of the Poona Horticultural Society, the inspection of the Regimental and Company Garden resulted as follows:—

Regimental—Rs. 25 Sergeant-Major Ditcham.

	Rs.	No.		
"A" Coy.	15—	10014	Pte. A. McLennan,	"A" Coy
"G" „	10—	7106	„ J. Douglas,	"G" „
"H" „	15—	6078	L-Cpl. T. Peacock,	"H" „
"H" „	10—	9112	Pte. W. Perrie,	"H" „

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Through some trifling technical irregularity one of the prettiest gardens, that of the Provost Sergeant, was found to be ineligible for the prize list.

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We have to congratulate the Colour-Sergeants on their receiving the increase of pay, thus bringing them on a level with their comrades at home.

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We have to apologise for the lateness in issuing the last number of the *Thin Red Line*. Owing to the prevalence of plague the compositors employed by our printers have practically deserted their work, and as this is only one of the many difficulties which beset the publication of a regimental journal in India, we are sure our many readers will overlook the delay.

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We have just been informed that owing to the increased weight of *The Thin Red Line* many of our home readers have had to pay excess postage. While we regret this annoyance, and have taken steps to prevent its recurrence, it is only fair to point out that the postal authorities here decided that no extra postage was chargeable.

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From a resulting point of view, the Recruiting year which ended on 30th September compares rather unfavourably with 1905, which was one the best years the recruiting staff at Stirling ever experienced. The number of line recruits enlisted at Stirling during the twelve month ending 30th September, for all regiments, was 317, as compared with a total last year of 390—a decrease of 73. Of this number, 118 enlisted in the territorial regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The total number joining the regiment from all parts was 233—a falling-off of 80. Recruits for the militia have been correspondingly fewer, last year's total of 429 contrasting with 309 this year. No very sufficient reason for the falling-off can be given. The quality of the recruits is good. The standard of physique is not maintained, but a better educated and better balanced class of men is being attracted.

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Unexpected delay has taken place in connection with the completion and unveiling of the statue on the Castle Esplanade, Stirling, to commemorate the officers and men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who fell in the South African war. From time to time approximate dates have been given for the ceremony, but the memorial still stands as it was. However, we learn from a reliable source that the figure which is required to complete the memorial will be placed in position by the end of this month, and that in a very few weeks thereafter the unveiling ceremony will take place.

Sanction has now been given for an exchange of stations between Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., and Major A. Aytoun, D.S.O. Major Aytoun is to proceed to South Africa to join us there, 2nd battalion Major Mackenzie proceeding to Stirling to take over command of the depot.

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The Regimental Football team, under the charge of Colour-Sergeant Clarke, journeyed to Bombay to take part in the Rovers Tournament, but unfortunately they only reached the semi-final. An account of the matches appears in our columns this month.

Marriage of Captain W. J. B. Tweedie.

On Wednesday afternoon, September 5th, the marriage of Captain W. J. B. Tweedie, 2nd Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of the late Mr John Tweedie, I.C.S., and Miss Violet Mary Moore, only daughter of the late Major T. G. C. Moore, 42nd Royal Highlanders, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Welsh, Springwood, Stirling, was celebrated at Springwood. The officiating clergy were the Rev. C. J. Duthie, North Berwick, and the Right Rev. Monsignor Smith, Stirling. The bride, who was given away by her brother Mr. Fawcett Moore, wore a lovely dress of soft white satin Duchesse trimmed with a draped flounce of Limerick lace (the gift of her mother-in-law) and white chiffon roses having silver centres. The dress was made in semi-Empire fashion the train coming from below the shoulders. The bodice, which had a transparent yoke of tucked white chiffon, was trimmed with similar lace and chiffon roses, and had a narrow silver belt. She wore a tulle veil over a small wreath of orange blossoms, myrtle and white heather, and carried a sheaf of white lilies She was attended by four bridesmaids, Miss Dorothy Campbell, Miss Isobel Campbell, and Miss Leslie Campbell, her cousins, and Miss M. Wilsone, cousin of the bridegroom, whose little nephew, Master Billy Morgan, and Master Jim Oliver acted as pages, both wearing white sailor suits. The bridesmaids had very pretty dresses of ivory mousseline de soie over silk, the bodices made with transparent yokes of Valenciennes lace. Two wore high waistbelts of mauve silk, wreaths of sweet peas and long scarves of mauve tulle, while the other two had similar belts, wreaths and scarves of pink. All wore handsome paste pendants on platinum chains, and carried bouquets two of mauve and two of pink sweet peas, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride's presents to the pages were pretty gold scarf pins. Captain Tweedie was attended by his brother, Mr. A. G. Tweedie, who acted as best man.

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A picturesque touch was given to the proceedings by the presence of the A. & S. Highlanders who lined the drive from the gateway to the door during the arrival of the guests and afterwards at the departure of the bride and bridegroom for the honeymoon. Upwards of eighty guests attended the wedding and subsequent reception. Mrs. Welsh received in a handsome gown of black accordion pleated spotted net over white chiffon, the skirt having panels inset of black velvet. She wore a hat of black crinoline with white ostrich plumes and red roses, and carried a bouquet of rose-coloured carnations. Mrs. Dick, the bride's aunt, came in a gown of black ninon de soie trimmed with jet and a dainty black bonnet with white feathers. She carried a lovely bouquet of mauve orchids. Mrs. Tweedie, the bridegroom's mother, wore heliotrope Liberty crepe with bonnet of heliotrope tulle and shaded pansies, and a scarf of white chiffon embroidered with thistles. His sister, Mrs. R. L. Morgan, had a charming gown of white gauze with gold spots, and a cape of pale mauve satin embroidered with Pompadour roses and trimmed with lace. Her hat was to match the gown.

Shortly after four o'clock the bride and bridegroom left for Italy where the honeymoon will be spent, amid a shower of silver horse shoes and pink rose petals. The bride travelled in a becoming gown of white cloth, the skirt prettily trimmed with fine tucks and strappings, the bodice made pinafore fashion with transparent yoke and sleeves of ecru lace with touches of pink embroidery. The high white silk waistbelt had also a large chou of pink at one side. Her hat was of black velvet trimmed Tuscan straw with a large plume of white feathers, while under the brim nestled a cluster of pink roses.

The wedding cake, which was particularly beautiful, was supplied by Messrs Keith and Ralston. It stood three tiers high, and was tastefully decerated with white heather, white sweet peas, lilies of the valley, and white carnations with trails of maiden hair and asparagus fern and smilax. The floral decorations in the reception rooms were also particularly fine, being carried out largely in sweet peas, roses, carnations, and smilax.

The presents received by Captain and Mrs. Tweedie were exceptionally numerous and costly, and included several from the brother officers of the bridegroom.

Overheard on Musketry Parade:

"The standing position will be frequently practised lying or kneeling behind cover.' Evidently there is still some use for the annual course of Gymnastics.

The Ninety-Third Highlanders Ball.

The annual Ball given by our officers was held on the 28th September. Previously fixed for the 22nd it was, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Paterson, postponed till the former date, when it was brought off with great success. The arrangements were under the control of Captain McCandlish who was assisted by all the officers presently in the station, and from the account published below taken from the "Advocate of India" we feel sure the Ninety-Third have little to learn in the way of entertaining. A feature of the evening was the presence of a detachment of Non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment dressed in review order *with feather bonnets* and employed in guarding the Colours, attendants, etc., while an additional party were requisitioned as torch bearers.

About 400 guests were present, including His Excellency Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay, Major-General Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, etc.

"The Ball at the Gymkhana last night, given by the 93rd Highlanders, was an ideal function. As on previous occasions, this ball was a very grand affair. All the Military element were present, and a goodly number of Civilians also, including the Members of Council, with his Excellency the Governor, who all hail from the "Land o' Cakes."

Outside the Gymkhana was the bar for gentlemen, and a card-room in a convenient tent adjoining the ball-room. The fine vestibule of the Gymkhana was converted into a delightful sitting-out place. Within the entrance of the ball-room was a trophy of regimental drums of the old kind, surmounted on tartan and covered with heather. Over this were arranged claymores and bayonets in artistic designs. The walls were draped with the colours of the regiment, the traditional "93rd" being prominent everywhere. In the niches were claymores, dirks and tartan, while above hung the banners and coats-of-arms of the different officers. The decorations were the most effective seen here for a long time and were the work of the officers of the regiment.

One portion deserves special mention. The stage was made to represent the gate of Stirling Castle, the depôt of the 93rd. Massive stone pillars, a pair of huge gates, and above the castellated presentment and over the machicolated wall proudly floated the Union Jack. The pathway to the gate was bordered by two huge beds of heather. Through the gates could be seen what looked like portions of prisons, but which were the Old Palace or Parliament House and the Master Gunner's House with the distances filled in and looking very real and homelike.

"It's vera guid; them's the Stores," said an obligiing soldier. "Ye canna see the canteen, it's ahint."

Anyway, whatever could be seen, the whole formed a remarkable picture, rendered more lifelike by the sentries in their traditional dress pacing up and down, and reflected the greatest credit on the artist, Mr. W. E. Dobson.

The floor was a perfect one, and proved a little too much so for one or two dances. The pipers were much in evidence, and as the assembly filed round the ball-room the rich full dress of this gallant regiment shone to the best advantage.

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It was Sam Slick who furnished a reason for that picturesque garb, but one which was probably older than the Old Judge himself, namely, that Scotsmen were careful bodies, and their country was tarnation full of thistles, and, as they found that legs heal up again and trousers don't, they decided to abandon the latter.

Dancing began to the strains of the fine band of the regiment under Bandmaster Walsh, the numerous gathering taxing the resources of the fine hall to its limits.

Then a little later there were hurryings to and fro, and bright lights shone on fair women and brave men as the large assembly hastened to the tennis courts, which had been covered in canvas, to witness the reels which the light-heeled Highlander is so fond of. Ranged round the courts a company of Highlanders held torches and lighted up the scene. Then the pipes were heard, and at first there was a pause as the sound came from the far off end of the tennis courts.

It was jerky, spasmodic and yet I declare.
There was something distinctly resembling an air.

The dancing began in real right down earnest, "good boy and better girl," and ever and anon the wild slogan was heard, and with the slight smell of sulphur, and the partially obscured lights, the scene, which will live long in the memories of those who witnessed it, faded away. In these plague-stricken days the sulphur was a distinctly good feature.

"Hae ye a licht, Tonald?"—"Hi, mon, but it's oot."

The pipers hurried away and the folks went back to the hall, and soon his Excellency came with Major Lee in the latter's motor-car, and was announced by a skirling of the pipes. He was received at the entrance by Colonel Paterson and the officers of the regiment, and on his entering the ball-room the band played a fanfare.

One dark shadow over the prevailing joy was the knowledge that Mrs. Paterson, the wife of the gallant Colonel, was ill. Her presence was greatly missed by all.

The supper-room was as perfect as all the rest of the arrangements; the tables were decorated with alamanders and the lamps had yellow shades, and these reflected the green drapery of the room, and made the colours of the regiment once more perfect. The massive silver plate of the regiment looked its very best on the occasion; some were trophies won in sport, some were mementos of deeds of derring-do in the brave days of old.

After supper dancing was renewed with the same enthusiasm till the early hours. This is the last ball that the 93rd Highlanders will give in Poona, as they leave shortly for South Africa. How much labour and trouble these entertainments cost can hardly be guessed by those who only see the completed article in the shape of a brilliant ball-room and a choice supper-room and supper. On this occasion there were no ladies to direct the decorations so the officers took Miles Standish's motto to heart: "If you want a thing done you must do it yourself and never leave it to others," and well they succeeded.

The New Work "Herald" says that the United States army will adopt the finger-print system for the identification of men and officers, whether alive or dead. Every man in the army and every recruit hereafter will be required to put his finger-print on a glass for an official record. More than one finger may be recorded, so that in case one is shot off the other will be available. It is expected that there will be no more unidentified dead in the U.S. army, thanks to this plan, which will also be worked in connection with the Bartillon system for the identification of deserters.

Poona Open Polo Tournament.

Six teams, drawn from all parts of India, entered for what has been termed the Blue Riband of Polo in Western India. The draw for the first round was as follows :—

The Poona Horse (from Aurangabad) *versus* 33rd Cavalry.
The Bhopal Gymkhana *versus* 13th Hussars (from Secunderabad)
The 93rd Highlanders (a bye)
The 10th Hussars (from Mhow ,,

FIRST ROUND.

In the first game the Poona Horse easily beat the 33rd Cavalry.

In the second game the Bhopal Gymkhana defeated the 13th Hussars after a fast game, by the comfortable margin of six goals.

In the 1st game of the 2nd round:

The Bhopal Gymkhana met the Poona Horse. For the first three chukkers the game was fast and even but after this the Bhopal team's splendid dash and combination proved too strong and they ran out easy winners.

In the 2nd game:

The 93rd Highlanders' team, who now included Reynard of the 12th Lancers and called themselves the Poona Gymkhana, faced the 10th Hussars.

The teams were as follows :—

Poona Gymkhana.

(1) Mr. Reynard 12th Lancers.
(2) Mr. J. Kennedy 93rd Highlanders.
(3) Mr. O. C. Herbert ,,
(back) Mr. R. D. Falconar Stewart 93rd Hrs.

10th Hussars.

(1) Mr. W. O. Gibbs.
(2) Major Shearman.
(3) Major Vaughan.
(back) Capt. the Hon'ble C. R. O. Mitford.

From the beginning of the game the Hussars assumed the offensive and scored. The resulting play was up and down the field, and then the Gymkhana tried their luck. A long drive by Kennedy narrowly missed scoring.

In the second chukker the Gymkhana made the play, but they did not bring off anything, the Hussars knocking the ball out of danger and carrying it to the Gymkhana end. The latter team here took possession of the ball, worked it back, and made an effort to score, which failed. A further attempt was more successful, Kennedy putting it through the sticks. Play recommenced in midfield, and the Hussars attempted to add to their score, a subsidiary resulting. :—Hussars 1 goal 1 sub., Gymkhana 1 goal,

The third chukker both teams started well and the saving on both sides was conspicuous. A good deal of play round the field was witnessed, but no scoring took place, and the *chukker* ended without the score being increased.

4th chukker. The Gymkhana again opened with a determined attack on the Hussars' goal, but the ball went

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wide. The retaliatory efforts of the Hussars were equally unsuccessful, the teams both narrowly missing on more than one occasion, and the *chukker* finished as the previous one had done :—

FIFTH CHUKKER.—Soon after the play began the Poona Gymkhana scored a subsidiary and so matters were equal. Then followed another subsidiary. The Gymkhana continued to press without any respite, but the ball went behind. A further scrimmage before the Gymkhana goal resulted in the ball being put through, and the *chukker* terminated.

Hussars.....2 goals, 1 sub.
Gymkhana .....1 goal, 2 subs.

SIXTH CHUKKER.—This time the Hussars started and made a dash, but were soon met by the Gymkhana, who drew the ball away and nearly scored, the ball just going out. Nothing daunted, the Gymkhana renewed the attack again and again, till Herbert with a long sweep sent the ball clean through the posts amidst great enthusiasm. Some unresultant play closed the *chukker* with the Hussars 1 sub. down.

In the seventh *chukker* with only two minutes to go the play was very fast but no scoring resulted, the game ending :—

Poona Gymkhana.....2 goals, 2 subs.
Hussars .....2 goals, 1 sub.

FINAL.

Poona Gymkhana and Bhopal Gymkhana.

The local Gymkhana team remained as in the first game but the Bhopal team had one change.

FIRST CHUKKER.—From the throw in the Poona Gymkhana made a rush for the Bhopal posts and got the ball well in front of the goal when the Bhopalese succeeded in driving it away from danger and up to the Poona territory, where Stewart got on to it and worked it up to the Bhopal end. Then it had an up-and-down career till Kennedy centered it and eventually carried it to the east of the Bhopal goal from where it was hit behind the line. The "chukker" ended after 5 minutes and 5 seconds of very fine play, but without any result.

SECOND CHUKKER.—Hitting out from behind the line, the Bhopalese worked the ball to the centre from where Najeeb Khan got on to it, and working up, hit it beyond the goal. The next minute, the Bhopalese were again on to the ball and finding an opening hit a subsidiary. The Poona Gymkhana had now a pretty anxious time in front of their goal, but Kennedy got on to the ball and drew it away in complete safety. From the centre Herbert got on to it and, breaking through the Bhopal defence, ran it up to the Bhopal end, but it was not there long. The Bhopalese were on to it in a moment and swept it along to their opponents' quarter when, after a great deal of manœuvring, Abdul Washed succeeded in hitting it through.

Bhopal Gymkhana.....1 goal, 1 sub.
Poona Gymkhana.....nil.

THIRD CHUKKER.—Immediately the ball was thrown in Herbert was on to it and hit it out of all opposition. Gaining a clear field, he hit it up to the mouth of the goal, but, in attempting to strike home, he just missed fire, when the Bhopalese got the ball away, and ran it down to the other end. The next moment, Kennedy was on to it and had a clean run up the ground and with a fine backhander centered to Herbert who met it and hit it into goal. Two minutes later the Poona Gymkhana scored a subsidiary and a minute later Kennedy again hit a goal. Play at this stage was very interesting and exciting, both teams having played their level best. The "chukker" closed almost wholly in favour of the Poona Gymkhana.

FOURTH CHUKKER.—Re-playing from an angle to the Poona Gymkhana goal Sher Gulam Ahmed hit out and shot the ball through the sticks. The next instant the Poona Gymkhana returned the compliment. Kennedy got on to the ball from afar and running down the entire field shot it clean into goal. The Poona Gymkhana were within an ace of scoring another goal when they got the ball, but a shot from Stewart just missed fire. The Bhopalese next had the ball well up to the Poona end, but their best efforts to score proved futile, and then the "chukker" closed again in favour of the Poona Gymkhana team.

Poona Gymkhana.....3 goals, 1 sub.
Bhopal Gymkhana .....2 goals, 1 sub.

FIFTH CHUKKER.—It was a critical moment for the Poona Gymkhana from the start when the Bhopalese got the ball close up to their goal. But Kennedy saved the situation by getting on in the nick of time and driving it along to Falconar Stewart who hit up to the centre. From here the Bhopalese worked it back again to the Poona Gymkhana quarter, but Kennedy was on to it again and drove it away right up to the Bhopal end. The next moment saw some sticky play in the centre, and after a hard fight for the following few minutes the "chukker" ended without any result.

SIXTH CHUKKER.—Nine minutes remained to play out the game. The Poona Gymkhana at once rushed away with the ball, but it was soon collared by Sher Gulam Hussein, who swept down the field and up to near the goal where it was met by Reynard, who hit it beyond the line. Then the Poona Gymkhana made a clean run up the field when the Bhopalese got possession of the ball, and then for the next few minutes it was mainly an up-and-down affair, till Reynard retired for a change of mount, and the Bhopalese, having only three to contend against, soon found the opportunity to score a subsidiary.

SEVENTH CHUKKER.—Three minutes and 45 secs. remained and it was a most anxious time for the Bhopalese. The Poona Gymkhana made their position worse by at once rushing the ball up to their end and hitting a subsidiary and a second or two later the Bhopal team made a similar score. The Poona Gymkhana made a big effort and scored. When time was announced the game stood :

Poona Gymkhana.....5 goals, 2 subs.
Bhopal Gymkhana .....2 goals, 3 subs.

THE PRESENTATION.

A large assemblage gathered round the Pavilion when General Richardson prefaced the presentation of the Cup by a few appropriate remarks. General Richardson recalled the fact that H. H. the Maharaja Partab Singh of Jodhpur, who was known as the mainstay of their fine team, had given the Cup for competition. He congratulated the Poona team on their success. Their quality was a sufficient witness of their ability. He felt, of course, that everybody in Poona would be glad to feel that Poona had won what he might call the Blue Ribbon of Polo in Western India. He was afraid that next year some of the present teams would be sadly missed as, for instance, the 93rd Highlanders. He complimented some of the local regiments on their hospitality and the Committee on their management, and concluded by asking Mrs. Richardson to present the Cup to the winning team. Cheers all round concluded the ceremony.

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Poona Open Polo Tournament.

Mr. J. Kennedy. Mr. R. D. Falconar-Stewart. Mr. O. C. Herbert. Mr. C. E. Reynard.

Poona Gymkhana Team, Winners 1906.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited form it.]

THAT the healthiness o' Poona has been demonstrated.
That it's roll on anywhere oot o' India.
That the next time it hears the east a' callin' he'll be deef.
That a certain company are thinkin' o' gaun in for polo.
That faint heart never climbed a stane wa'.
That we're a' buyin civies.
That it intends tae sport a tile and frock coat in the sunny sooth.
That the five lamps is a favourite subject for discussion wi' some folk.
That it's a licht enough subject at onyrate.
That he ordered him tae turn his helmet badge roond aboot.
That there's been a wheen o' names for the boat.
That the "Thin Yin" will miss some o' them.
That the Ball wis' a success.
That the heather made a grand show.
That so did the *bayonets*.
That it hears we're gaun tae hae Balaklava manœuvres.
That it wisna' cells he got.
That it wis jist a short coorse o' horticultural instruction.
That the nichts in bed are gettin' gey few.

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R. A. T. A. Garrison Dance Club.

On Wednesday the 5th inst. the Members of the above Dance Club gave another of their much appreciated Quadrille Parties in the Connaught Institute. At 9 p. m. carriages began to arrive and by the half hour the Hall was fairly well crowded. On the fire of the gun, the programme was commenced. The string band of the 93rd Highlanders was in attendance and played a good selection of dance music.

The Hall was artistically decorated with festoons and was well lit up with Kitson's Patent Washington Lamps, which set the decorations off to advantage.

The Secretary, Pte. W. Cutler, must be highly congratulated on the crowded hall. One could plainly see that the labours of the Secretary and Committee had not been in vain and the catering for the Bars, which were run solely on temperance lines, was all that could be desired.

It is to be hoped that several more of their fine dances will be held prior to the departure of the Battalion for South Africa, as they will be greatly missed by the military and civilian populace in Poona and the surrounding district.

Football.

The Bombay Rovers Tournament.

Although knocked out of the "Richardson" Cup Tournament it was a very confident team which, under the care of Colour-Sergeant Clarke, journeyed to Bombay to take part in the Annual Cup Tournament of the Bombay Rovers Football Club. As this is the only cup of any importance in India which does not bear on it the name of our Battalion, an extra strong effort was made to secure a combination capable of doing so in our last season. From the accounts of the matches given below it will be seen that our representatives made such an appearance that while they were unable to reach the final, their play was well up to the traditions of the Ninety-Third. Our Goal-keeper, Private Mullen, was unable to travel with the team owing to illness which we learn with regret developed into enteric fever, but in Sergeant Markey, who went down to Bombay after the second game, was found a capable substitute. A leading Indian journal, writing of Sergeant Markey's play, says "he is the smartest custodian seen in the tournament and I should say he is one of the best goal-keepers in the army. He is worth his place in a league team at home. He never loses his nerve and is the right man in an emergency. Several of his saves, whether in fisting out or just tipping a high shot over the bar, were brilliant."

First Round

Telegraph Section vs. Ninety-Third Highlanders.

As the telegraph operators were accounted a strong combination the issue of this game was fairly open. As it ultimately proved an exceedingly fast one, our opponents being very speedy, we were decidedly lucky in winning the first encounter. We are unable to give a detailed account of the play but from the final score it is evident the teams were fairly well matched.

Result—93rd... 3 Goals. Telegraph . 2 Goals.

Second Round.

10th Hussars, vs. Ninety-Third Highlanders.

The game in the second round of this Tournament on the Cooperage, was between the 10th Hussars, who defeated the 7th Brigade, R.F.A., and the Ninety-Third Highlanders, who had beaten the Telegraph XI. Mr. J. Chatt was the referee, and the ground was in excellent condition.

The following were the teams :—

Ninety-Third.—Daly, goal; Kelly and Reid, backs; McLean, Lapsley and Hempseed, half-backs; Fleming, Dunne, Quinn, Mowatt and Wright, forwards.

10th Hussars.—Woodburne, goal; Burt and Hartledge, backs; Seaton, Mitchell and Sweetland, half-backs; Binns, Harford, Smith, Morice and Durham, forwards.

The Argyll and Sutherlands attacked the Wodehouse Road goal and opened in splendid style. Their half line from the outset played as halves ought to do, not only keeping the 10th Hussars' forwards in check, but also paying the requisite amount of attention to their own attack. The result was that the Argylls did most of the pressing and sent in two hot shots, which the Hussars'

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custodian ably saved. The Hussars' backs had to exert themselves to the utmost, but play as hard as they liked the Argylls were within an ace of scoring more than once The Hussars' forwards made occasional efforts to break away, but they did not often get beyond the half way line. Once their centre forward called upon the Argylls' goal-keeper, but it was not a difficult shot and it was easily cleared. The backs soon sent the ball once more into Hussars' territory and here the Argylls' forwards placed two beautiful shots to their credit. One was grandly saved, and the other struck the upright and rebounded into play. The Hussars' goal-keeper was in first class form and skilfully took all shots sent in to him. The Argyll's half-backs continued to play the correct game, and so the pressure on the Hussars' goal was kept up. This at last told in their favour. The Argylls' right wing forwards prettily dribbled the ball down the ground, and centred, and Quinn shot, leaving the Hussars' man not the slightest chance of saving (1–0). Two minutes later Quinn sent in a beautiful shot, which just went under the cross-bar, and safely lodged in the net (2—0). The Hussars now brought off a clever piece of play, which deserved a point. Their forwards transferred play into their opponents' half, the outside left centering nicely. The Argylls' custodian ran out, and missed the ball, but the Hussars' centre forward headed into the side of the net. Half time came with the score –

ARGYLL & SUTHERLANDS..... 2 goals.

10TH HUSSARS .... nil.

Immediately on resuming play the 10th Hussars obtained an excellent goal. Their right back kicked the ball well in front of the Argylls' goal, and Hartord splendidly placed it in the net (2—1). The Hussars after this success played a vastly improved game. Their outside right put in a nice centre, but the forwards who were up, failed to turn it to account and so lost a golden opportunity. They forced the Argylls to concede a corner, and almost scored in the melee which ensued. The Argylls' backs cleared, but not for long, for the Hussars returned, and the left wing sent in a shot, which the Argylls' goal-keeper only just managed to save. Play became much more exciting, and interest in the game was renewed, now that it seemed that the Argylls were not going to have a walk over. The Hussars had more of the play and their backs kicked hard and true. They obtained another corner and the ball was dropped right in the goal mouth, but the Argylls' custodian secured the ball as it was rolling over the line. Play consequently became faster and more exciting. The Hussars' forwards, however, made some mistakes, and one of these gave their opponents a further lead. The Hussars' inside right was pressed and passed back to his half but Quinn nipped in, cleverly secured the ball, and dribbled past the backs. Dunne shot straight at the goal-keeper, who fisted the ball to Quinn and the next second it was safely resting in the net (3—1). It was the prettiest bit of play of the game and deserved to be successful. Shortly after the Argylls' forwards again effectively got to work and added their fourth goal through Dunne (4—1). Result :—

ARGYLLS & SUTHERLANDS..... ... 4 goals

10TH HUSSARS ..... 1 goal

The victors had the better of the game and well merited their win. It was only in the early part of the second half that the Hussars played up to their form. During the whole of the first moiety the Argylls did the pressing, and all their goals were the result of pretty forward play. At times the forwards combined effectively and they were dangerous in front of goal. They had plenty of initiative, and were much quicker and sharper on the ball than their opponents. The half line played excellently throughout and the backs kicked well, but the goal-keeper showed a disposition to leave his goal for balls which the backs should have taken. The Hussars' goal-keeper, notwithstanding his four defeats, performed ably, and in front of him were too good hard working backs. The half-backs and forwards could not compare with those of the Argylls, and it was these departments which were responsible for losing the game. It was an attractive match and the spectators were keenly interested to the end.

SEMI-FINALS.

The Royal Scots vs. Ninety-Third Highlanders.

In splendid weather and before a large attendance the Royal Scots, Colaba, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Poona, met on the Cooperage in the first of the semi-final games of the Rovers Football Tournament. The Argylls had practically reconstructed their team since they played the Hussars and in Markey are to be congratulated on having a splendid goal-keeper, who though very hard pressed on Saturday proved most safe. The forwards of both teams were hardly so good as could have been expected, but in this department the Royal Scots had the advantage. In the second half the Colaba men had all the better of the attack, but throughout this period the Argylls were playing with a man who had sustained an injury early in the game, the game resulting in a draw.

The teams lined out as follows :—

Royal Scots.—Goal : Pte. Bryce ; backs : Ptes. West and Forster ; half-backs : Pte. Deathridge, Lce.-Corpl. Finnigan and Pte. Lakin ; forwards ; Corpl. Wright ; Ptes. Webber, Newbiggin, Ross and Parkes.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders :—Goal : Sergt. Markey ; backs, Ptes. Reid and Kelly ; half-backs : Ptes. Hempseed, Lapsley and McLean ; forwards ; Ptes. Fleming, Wright, Lance.-Corpl. Quinn ; forwards ; Ptes. Dunn and Mowatt.

Referee : Mr. J. Chatt.

Defending the southern goal in the first half the Royal Scots opened the game, Newbeggin passing to Webber. The Colaba team were quickly forced back down the eastern boundary where the ball was seat behind their goal line. From the goal kick the Royal Scots cleared the ball to Parkes who centring well gave the right wing a long chance but the ball was volleyed over the Argylls' goal. After the Poona team had again attempted to rush matters they were put on their defence, but owing to the Royal Scots' shots, with one exception, not proving accurate Markey was only required to return one deliberate volley. A brief spell of mid-field play resulted in the Argylls gaining ground. West here clearing two good attacks while a third nearly found the Royal Scots' net. The Argylls continued to press matters, till a long shot gave Wright an opportunity of calling on Markey again to defend his net. The same custodian a minute later again cleared in good style after which both elevens indulged in free and high kicking. Ross of the Royal Scots having out-played Kelly looked dangerous but was held up before he could invade the Argylls' penalty area. The Colaba team at this stage had somewhat the advantage of the attack, but had to give way before a rush by the 93rd players who carrying play well down the ground enabled Quinn to score their first point with a short shot sent well into the left of the Royal Scots' goal. On the ball again being put in play the Scots again forced matters. Markey here saved a neat shot from the Colaba eleven's right but Parkes a little later lost a good opening by misjudging his kick for goal. A splendid centre from the latter player was returned to midfield by Reid,

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after which the game was temporarily transferred to the Royal Scots' territory. The latter soon again invaded the Argylls' half, Wright here sending in a long volley which just topped the 93rd's cross-bar. After a somewhat brief spell of up and down play Markey was again put on his defence and fisted out in splendid form. This enabled the Argylls forwards to get well down the ground, but Fleming, waiting too long before centring, negatived Poona's chances of raising their score. Towards the close of the first half the 93rd had the better of the pressure but failed to find their opponents' net, Wright and Webber of the Royal Scots having during this period by some combined play done good service. Markey was again called upon to clear, by running out to an attack just as half time was piped. Score :—

A. & S. HIGHLANDERS..... 1 goal.
ROYAL SCOTS ..... nil.

After the interval the 93rd made an attempt to break down the Royal Scots' defence but had to give way before a spirited series of assaults from the Colaba men. The latter worked the contest well up to the mouth of the Argylls' goal but on every occasion found the Poona backs and custodian fully on the alert. A break away by the 93rd resulted in Bryce returning one rather weak shot after which the struggle was again centred well down in the Argylls' country. Webber here tried a long shot but got too far under the ball. Markey was given a deal of hard work about this period but was applauded for the sterling manner in which he repulsed the Royal Scots' shots, all of which were most dangerous. After this play for a time became less interesting owing to the scattered play of the teams ; but on the elevens pulling themselves together, the Royal Scots were again in a position to force matters. They had considerably the better of the attack, but though getting well down in front of the Argylls' goal proved ineffectual in working the ball into the 93rd's net. After a long period of defensive play the Poona men succeeded in working the ball into the upper half of the ground were fouls were given against each eleven in succession, the one against the Poona men enabling their opponents to clear the struggle well over the middle line. A few minutes later the Scots got in front of the 93rd's net where after an exciting melee a penalty was given against the latter from which the Royal Scots found the net and equalised the score. Up and down play then ensued till a foul against the Argylls' gave the Colaba men another possible chance. After obtaining a corner the Scots were momentarily driven back, but to the close of the game continued to keep the Argylls busily engaged on the defence. Scores :—

A. & S. HIGHLANDERS ..... 1 goal.
ROYAL SCOTS ..... 1 goal.

RE-PLAY.

The drawn game between the Royal Scots and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was re-played on the Cooperage before a very large gathering of spectators, and resulted after a close contest in a win for the Bombay champions, the Royal Scots. The Argylls were, no doubt, unfortunate in having a couple of their good men injured in play, but that in no way interfered with the balance of chances. The Royal Scots won on their play in the second half. The trophy, it can safely be said, will now be amongst them. Markey, of the Argylls, again made a fine display in his defence of the net, and the goal which got past him was a sneaker which would have played a better man as bad a trick. A long shot from Webber bounded in front of the net and looked like going by the post but a slight rise in the ground diverted its course and it sneaked in to the surprise of Webber and the whole field of spectators included.

The Argylls held the Bandstand end goal and at once became the aggressors, but the Scots' defence returned play to midfield. Up and down play followed, both goals being invaded in turn and in attempting to head a ball Maclean cannoned into one of the Scots' forwards and hurt his head. He was promptly attended to by the Parsee gentleman of St. John's Ambulance Association, and was soon in the fighting line again doing very good work. The Scots, getting away on the right, Webber received a splendid pass but failed to take it. The Argylls retaliated by an attack on the left and got in a shot which Bryce cleared, and play ranged in mid-field when another break away by the Argylls resulted in a corner. This advantage was followed by another corner, which, being well placed, was neatly headed in. The Argylls again scored the first point, and the first half closed in their favour.

Resuming play, the Bombay champions got away by a series of pretty short passes. The Argylls were making a game defence, and there was no alternative for Webber but to try a long shot. He did so, and the ball bounced down in front of the net. Markey took it easy, thinking it was going by the post, but to his utter surprise it sneaked into the net. This roused the Royal Scots to better effort, and they sustained a prolonged attack on the Argylls' goal. The left full back of the Argylls had his hip put out, but played on with great spirit. The forwards struggled hard to get away and occasionally got up to the Scots' net, but were never dangerous. The Scots, on the other hand, got several corners, and out of a melee in front of the net Kennaway shot in the winning goal. No further scoring was effected and the game ended :—

ROYAL SCOTS..... 2 goals.
A. & S. HIGHLANDERS .. .. 1 goal.

Reminiscences of Veterans.

Early in the year 1850 the 93rd were removed from Stirling, Perth, and Dundee to Edinburgh Castle. On the previous year the War Office authorities discovered that the regiment was in point of numbers considerably over its strength and ordered recruiting to be stopped and undesireables to be invalided to the number of sixty or otherwise discharged The above circumstance went a long way to enable Lieut.-Colonel Spark to assemble in the Castle a magnificent Battalion. Shortly afterwards our newly appointed Head Colonel, General Wemyss, expressed a desire to see the Regiment on the Castle Hill. Accordingly on the day selected we paraded in review order, and received the General in the usual way. And after he had carefully inspected the ranks, the Regiment marched past the saluting point in *slow* and *quick* time, afterwards the final square was formed, into which the General and those accompanying him entered. I will not here attempt to repeat the flattering speech which he addressed to the Lieut.-Colonel regarding what he had that day witnesed of his Battalion but although I were to live fifty years longer I do not think I would forget what he finished off with, *viz.* "The last time I saw the 93rd it was at the *Cape* of *Good Hope* in the year 1806. They were then as crooket as rams' horns, and they polished their dollars with a button brush." The crowd of spectators who thronged to hear the General's speech seemed to enjoy it very much.—J. C.

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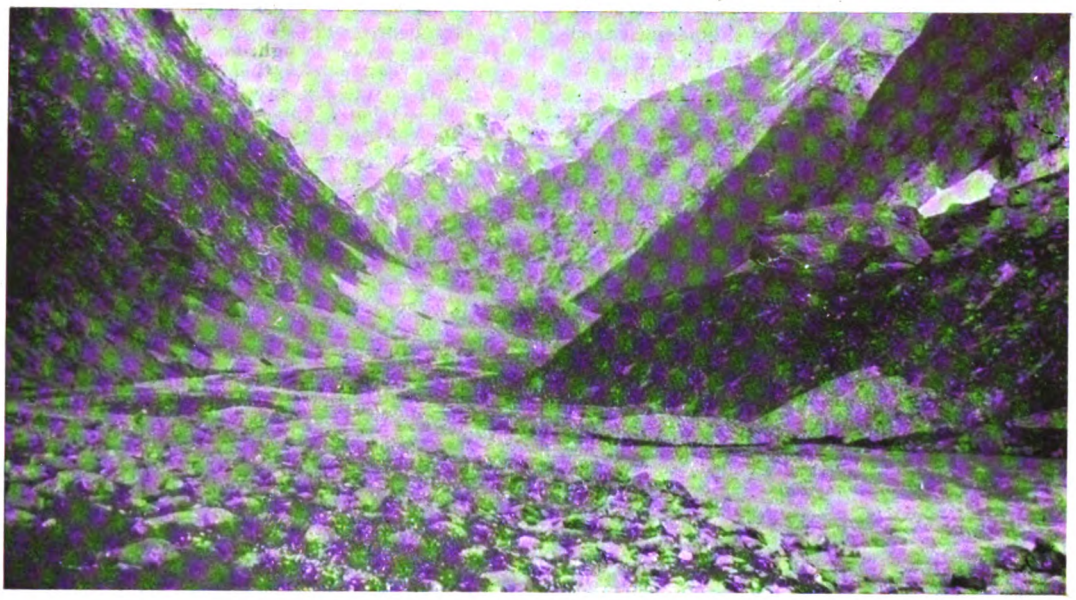

Sport in Kashmir.

Finding that I shall never be left in peace until I have complied with the demands of the Editor and Staff of the *Thin Red Line*, I am attempting to give a short account of my recent trip to Kashmir.

I will pass over the journey from Poona to Srinagar, which latter place we reached *via* the Abbotabad route, the Mari road having been broken down by the heavy rains in the middle of March. I travelled with Captain Comyn of the Connaught Rangers, who was bound for Baltistan, for the first fortnight; we then separated and met again on our return journey.

At Srinagar we made our bundobust, buying stores, clothing and other requisites, not to mention a good many things which subsequently proved quite unnecessary. In two days we were ready to start. On the 4th April we quitted Srinagar on a dhoonga, gliding down the river to Manasbal which we reached the following morning. Here we collected coolies and started off on our long march, Leh, my objective, being some two hundred and fifty miles from Srinagar.

Our third march brought us into the snow line, and for six days we plodded along either over frozen rivers, or on the mountain side, following our Shikaris in single file or wondering how long it would be before an avalanche would overwhelm us and so save us from further exertion! However, Nature refused to render us this kindly office, so we had to go on, mile upon mile, with nothing in prospect beyond a squalid hut, a very indifferent dinner, and a repetition of the same on the morrow. We were delayed a day at the foot of the Zogi La Pass owing to bad weather, but on the second night we crossed it very successfully, though the cold and the wind were intense. At Khasbu, Comyn and I parted, my road lying due east to Ladak. Being now out of the snow, marching became less unpleasant and though I found it very boresome at first having no one to talk to, I soon accustomed myself to my solitary life.

When within a few miles of Leh I found the Indus and turned at the Rumbok Nullah, where I hoped to get some sharpu and burrel. Here I again got into snow and found it intensely cold, but I was on my shooting ground and my spirits rose with the expectation of at last seeing game. I pitched my camp close to a small village and very glad I was to feel I had done with marching for the time being, for it had taken me exactly a month to get from Poona to my Nullah. The next morning however my shikari poked his head into my tent and told me it was snowing hard and that it was no use going out: in fact it snowed hard for two days, while I was bottled up in an eighty pound tent, my teeth chattering and feeling miserable with cold in spite of putting on every article of clothing, including fur lined coat and boots. At last I found the only way to keep even approximately warm was to get into bed with everything on—and then I shivered! However, on the third day we sallied forth, and it was not long before my shikari spotted a large herd of sharpu high up the mountain side in the snow. Never

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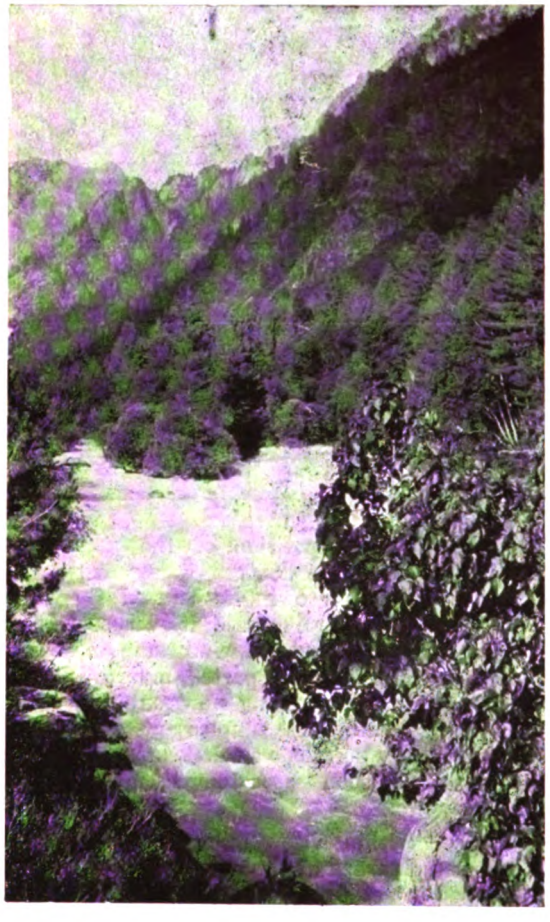
shall I forget the miseries of my first stalk. Not only was the ground extremely steep and covered with snow. but being some fourteen thousand feet



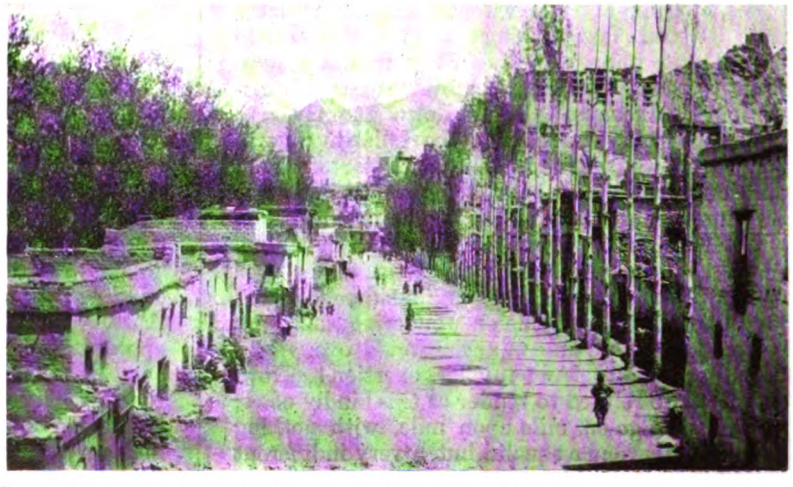
above the sea, I found I could only go a few steps at a time, and then had to stop to take breath. The altitude, moreover, made me feel extremely sick and faint and I kept choking. How I wished myself out of it and blessed my friends who had advised me to go there!

Of course I never got within shot of the herd, which kept slowly retreating before me, apparently fully enjoying the spectacle of my distress and at last as evening came on I returned to camp feeling very disgusted with things in general!

Four more days passed—I saw the herd each day, but either the wind was unfavourable, or they were chased away by wild dogs or leopards, and I egan to despair of ever getting a shot. My luck turned at last however, and the next day I came on them quite unexpectedly. A short climb brought me to within two hundred yards of the whole herd, and for the first time I had a chance of letting off my rifle. I bagged two fine heads:—The second I thought I should never get, as with shaking hand and panting breath, I emptied my magazine at him. When at last he dropped I found no less than five bullets in him, which shows how necessary it is to hit a beast in exactly the right spot, when using small bore rifles.

Greatly encouraged by this success, I now turned my attention to burrel which were also to be found in this neighbourhood, and after a days rest I went in quest of them. but the first two days I only saw females and young ones.

The third day we spotted a good herd, away up on the top of the hill and after walking and climbing the whole morning, my shikari at last brought me up within two hundred yards of them. Fortunately my first shot brought one down dead and the remainder, suddenly remembering they had important business elsewhere, did not even wait to look and see who I was but were off like a flash. Running as hard as I could to the edge of the nullah, I saw them down below, and picking one out, had a running shot at him, and by a most extraordinary fluke knocked him over. Having now thoroughly frightened all the game in the



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neighbourhood, I went down to the Indus, and spent some days going up the small nullahs opposite Leh, but seeing no good heads there, I decided to return to my original nullah, hoping that my old friends would return. Nor was I disappointed, for I bagged another sharpu and two more burrel; but I will not go into details for I should have to own up to some rather poor shooting, which necessitated my remaining there rather longer than I had anticipated.

I then went to Leh, which is a most curious old town and well worth a visit. As I rode in I found the streets crowded with people and lots of troops about. This I naturally took to be in honor of my arrival and was much chagrined when I subsequently learnt that the populace had only turned out to see some miserable wretch led to the gallows!

After spending a couple of days in Leh I started back towards Kashmir with the intention of getting up to Skardu in Baltistan, via the Chorbat Pass, but this I found was blocked owing to recent heavy falls of snow, so I was obliged to remain on the Indus in a part of the country where good things are very scarce. I worked about six nullahs, but saw nothing worth shooting, though I picked up one very fine head that had evidently just been killed by a panther. At last I found a herd with two fairly good heads and after a long and weary stalk I shot them both. They are very accommodating beasts, I found, for when I missed with my first shot, they ran up and stood about fifty yards from me, which struck me as being very thoughtful of them!

Hearing there were no more good heads about these parts, I retraced my steps down to the Sind Valley in the hope of getting some black bear, but after many fruitless efforts, which entailed sitting up all night and crawling about in the dark, I came to the conclusion that it was a poor form of sport, and decided to return to Srinagar. Having a few days to spare, I spent a couple fishing and lying in a house-boat, which I found extremely pleasant after weeks and weeks of tramping about in the mountains, but as far as sport was concerned it was rather a failure, for I only caught one fish and that a small one. My leave being now close to its end, I went back to Srinagar, and was not sorry to see civilization again, though I shall never regret having made the trip, which was full of interest to me, even if the sport was not as good as it might have been.

The journey, though long and entailing a lot of hard climbing and marching, was always through the most splendid scenery; and after the first bad effects of the great altitude had worn off, the climate had a very exhilarating effect on me. To those to whom healthy exertion in pursuit of sport, an open air life, and vast solitudes appeal, I can thoroughly recommend this country.

M. G. S.

Musketry.

"E" Company's Annual Course.

Exercised by Lieutenant L. G. Fenzi during August, in variable weather. The following attained Marksman:—

Colour-Sgt. A. Lockie,	(Best shot of Company)
Lieut. L. G. Fenzi,	Sergt. A. McRae.
Sgt. A. S. Macdonald,	Lce-Cpl. J. Wright.
Lce-Cpl. J. Chalmers,	,, W. Montgomery.
,, G. Clarkson,	Private R. Cullen.
Private W. Melville.	,, J. McCarthy.
,, J. Sharp,	,, J. Meek.
,, T. Ross,	,, P. Paton.
,, W. Macdonald.	

The competition for Company shot was exceptionally keen, Cullen leading until the last shot was fired by Colour-Sergeant Lockie.

No. of Marksmen 16, No. of 1st Class shots 40
,, of 2nd Class shots 13 ,, ,, 3rd ,, 5
Number exercised 92, Company average 180

The following casuals exercised with "E" Company attained Marksman—

Pte. C. Morrison, "C" Company.
,, J. Shannon, "F" ,,

Regimental Shooting Club.

During September practices were brought off each week. The following being the results:—

Thursday 6th September.

Class A.			Score	Prize
1. Pte. Rice,	"G"	Coy.	...16	Rs. 5
2. Cpl. Gray,	"D"	,,	...16	,, 5
3. Pte. Durick,	"A"	,,	...15	,, 4
4. ,, McNie,	"F"	,,	...14	,, 4
Class B.				
1. Pte. McCready,	"G"	,,	...17	,, 6
2. ,, Lyall,	"G"	,,	...16	,, 5
3. L-Cpl. Harkness,	"E"	,,	...15	,, 4
Class C.				
1. Dr. Campbell	"H"	,,	...14	,, 4
Pool target L-C. McKinnon	"G"	Coy		Rs. 9 each
,, Pte. Ross,	"E"	,,		
,, ,, Rice,	"G"	,,		

Thursday 13th September.

Class A.			Score	Prize
1. Pte. Lothian,	"B"	Coy.	...19	Rs. 5
2. ,, Cameron,	"G"	,,	...19	,, 5
3. L-Cpl. Fleming,	"G"	,,	...18	,, 4
4. Pte. Trobridge,	"D"	,,	...18	,, 4
5. ,, Lamie,	"A"	,,	...18	,, 3
6. L-Cpl. Campbell,	"H"	,,	...18	,, 3

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Class B.

1.	L-Cpl. McQueen,	"D"	,, ...19	,,	5
2.	,, Harkness,	"E"	,, ...18	,,	4
3.	Pte. Booth,	"G"	,, ...17	,,	3
4.	,, Perrie,	"D"	,, .. 17	,,	3

Class C.

1.	Pte. McAloon,	"G"	,, ...16	,,	4
2.	L-Cpl. Scott,	"D"	,, ...15	,,	3

Sergeants.

1.	Sergeant Sim,	"D"	,, ...19	,,	5

Pool target —Pte. Clanahan, "A" Coy
,, Sgt. Memmott, "D" ,,
,, Cpl. Gray, "D" ,,
,, L-C. Chalmers, "E" ,,
} Rs. 9, each.

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER (Miniature Range).

			Score	Prize value
1.	L-C. Mulholland,	"G" Coy.	...19	Rs. 5
2.	Pte. Lothian,	"B" ,,	...19	,, 5
3.	,, Coutts,	"A" ,,	...18	,, 4
4.	,, Airlie,	"H" ,,	.. 17	,, 3
5.	L-Cpl. Swan,	"B" ,,	...17	,, 3
6.	,, Smith,	"F" ,,	...17	,, 3
7.	,, Fleming,	"G" ,,	...17	,, 3
8.	Pte. Law,	"B" ,,	...16	,, 3
9.	L-Cpl. Peacock,	"H" ,,	.. 16	,, 3

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER.

				Score	Prize
Class A.					
1.	Cpl. Oliver,	"G"	,,	...18	Rs. 5
2.	Pte. Hay,	"H"	,,	...18	,, 5
3.	L-C. McKinnon,	"G"	,,	...18	,, 5
4.	Pte. Polson,	"H"	,,	...17	,, 4
Class B.					
1.	Pte. Roy,	"G"	,,	...16	,, 4
2.	,, Watt,	"F"	,,	...15	,, 3
3.	L-C. Eaglesham,	"H"	,,	...15	,, 3
4.	,, Seath,	"A"	,,	...15	,, 3
Class C.					
1.	L-Cpl. Scott,	"D"	,,	...14	,, 3

Pool target—Pte. Scott, "B" Coy.
,, Sgt. Memmot, "D" ,,
,, Pte. Munro, "G" ,,
} Rs. 12, each.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for November, 1906.

1 Th. Mutiny Campaign. No 3 Company defeated small force of enemy at Kudjwa near Fatehpur, 1857; 3 killed; 1 Officer and 15 men wounded. Sialkote to Jhansi, 1866.

2 F. Reached Cawnpore, 1857; 2 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Ewart attacked fortified village of Banterah, 10 miles from Lucknow; 2 Companies under Lieut.-Col. Adrian Hope captured gun at Bannee, 1 man killed, 3 wounded.

3 S. Embarked in detachments, Cork, for West Indies, 1823. Left Sialkote to join Sir Neville Chamberlain's force for Eusafzai Campaign, 1863; strength, 22 Officers, 30 Sergeants, 25 Corporals, 20 Drummers, 497 Privates.

4 S. Embarked Cork for West Indies, 1823, Chaubattia for Bareilly, 1891.

5 M. Ranikhet to Bareilly. Hill Manœuvres *en route* 1900.

6 T. Embarked Cork for West Indies, 1823. Arrived Toronto from Montreal, 1838.

7 W.

8 Th. Embarked Cork West Indies, 1823; Tochi Campaign; break up of third Khaza Column at Inzar Kach, 1897. Arrived Bareilly from Chaubattia, 1898.

9 F. Sir Colin Campbell assumed command of force at Cawnpore for advance upon Lucknow, 1857. Attack on Fort Mittowlee, Oudh, 1858. Left Wing and Head-quarters arrived Bareilly from Hill Manœuvres, 1900.

10 S. Strength reduced to 45 Officers, 57 Sergeants, 24 Drummers, 48 Corporals, 6 Pipers and 952 Privates, 1856. Capture of Fort Mittowlee, 1858. Dagshai for Umballa, 1893.

11 S. Force for Relief of Lucknow reviewed at Cawnpore by Sir Colin Campbell, 1857; 93rd, 53rd; and 4th Punjab Infantry brigaded together under Brig.-Genl. Adrian Hope, 93rd.

12 M.

13 Tu. Windsor for Portsmouth *en route* for Glasgow, 1882.

14 W. Terrific gale at Balaklava, huts unroofed and every tent in camp levelled, 1854. Advance from Cawnpore for relief of Lucknow commenced, 1857. Pindi for Peshawar, 1861.

15 Th. Arrived Umballa from Dagshai, 1893.

16 F. Secundrabagh and Shah Nujeef stormed by 93rd, 1857; 2 Officers and 24 men killed. 7 Officers and 61 men wounded. Arrived Glasgow from Windsor 1862.

17 S. Communication with Residency, Lucknow, opened, 1857. Arrived Boya from Sherani, 1897. Funeral of H. G. Duke of Wellington, detachment of 93rd in attendance, 1852.

18 S Evacuation of Lucknow commenced, 1857.

19 M.

20 Tu.

21 W. Re-armed with Lee-Enfield Rifle, 1900. "G" Company team fire for and win Army Inter-Company Volley Match (India) 1900.

22 Th. Evacuation of Lucknow successfully accomplished, 1857.

23 F. "D" Company to Kirkee, 1905.

24 S. 2nd Battalion, 93rd, disbanded, Sutherland, 1815; 33 Sergeants, 23 Corporals, 11 Drummers, and 303 men to 1st Battalion.

25 S.

26 M.

27 T.

28 W. Sir Colin Campbell's force from Lucknow after forced march reinforced General Wyndham at Cawnpore 1857.

29 Th. Bridge of boats over Ganges at Cawnpore saved and secured by Sir Colin Campbell's force, 1857. Column under Major J. H. Campbell left Boya for Maizar, 1897.

30 F. St. Andrew's Day. Breech-loading Sniders, Pattern III, issued, 1870.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

EXTRACT FROM "THE LONDON GAZETTE" DATED 24TH AUGUST 1906.

Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland) Highlanders.

2nd Lieutenant A. A. L. Campbell, is placed on temporary half pay on account of ill health.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Colour Sergeant.

No. 4805, Sergt. W. Norrie. "F" Company, dated 1st September 1906.

To be Sergeant.

No. 5678, Lce.-Sgt. T. Scott, "C" Coy., dated 1st Sept.

To be Corporal.

No. 5079, Lce-Cpl. D. McGillivray, "G" Coy., dated 1st September.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Lance Sergeant.

No. 6385, Cpl. A. Brownlie, "G" Coy., dated 1st Sept.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 9175, Pte. H. "Bridges, "E" Coy., dated 12th Sept.
,, 7169, ,, A. McKinnon, "C" ,, } dated 1st Sept.
,, 8073, ,, W. Fleming, "G" ,, }

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 9028, L-Cpl. G. Lawson, } "C" Coy., dated 6th Sept.
,, 6563, ,, C. Dunne, } "C" ,, dated 1st Sept.
,, 7704, ,, J. Jack, "D" ,, dated 12th Sept.

ABSORBED IN ESTABLISHMENT.

No. 6603, Sgt. S. Hayward, "A" Coy., dated 6th Aug.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

"A" Company.

No. 9712, L Cpl. A. Seath. | No. 8117, Pte. E. Lynch.
,, 8082, Pte. J. Gallacher. | ,, 8404, ,, J. Elton.

"C" Company.

No. 6472, Pte. D. Drew. | No. 7317, Pte. G. Finlay.

"E" Company.

No. 6484, Pte. J. Bradley. | No. 6906, Pte. N. Oribine.
,, 7217, ,, W. Stormonth. | ,, 4715, ,, J. Millar.
No. 7781, Pte. J. McCune.

Class I at Sixpence.

"C" Company.

No. 9303, Pte. J. Lawrie. | No. 8017, Pte. J. Blackburn.

"D" Company.

No. 9226, Private A. Lowther.

"E" Company.

No. 9480, Pte. A. Smith. | No. 9344, Pte. A. Hicks.

"F" Company.

No. 9487, Pte. T. A. McDonald.

"H" Company.

No. 9388, Private W. Birkmyre.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted three Good Conduct Badges;

No. 5229, Private W. Saunders, "C" Company.
,, 5202, ,, W. Coyle, "D" ,,

Granted two Good Conduct Badges.

No. 9712, L.-Cpl. A. Seath, | No. 8117, Pte. A. Lynch

"B" Company.

No. 6812, Private T. Caldwell.

"D" Company.

No. 8111, Lce.-Cpl. J. Scott.

"F" Company.

No. 6834, Private J. Faichney.

"H" Company.

No. 6415, Private J. Caskie.

Granted one good Conduct Badge.

"A" Company,

No. 5139, Pte. J. Craigen, | No. 9453, Pte. J. Clarke.

"B" Company.

No. 9345, Private A. McEwan.

"C" Company.

No. 9428, Pte. C. Stirling. | No. 9303, Pte. J. Lawrie
,, 9327, ,, J. Dunlop. | ,, 7821, ,, J. Vernon

"D" Company.

No. 9494, Pte. P. Dewar. | No. 9499, Pte. J. Agnew
,, 8159, ,, D. Houston. | ,, 9462, ,, P. Menzies

"E" Company.

No. 6809, Private J. Morrison.

"F" Company.

No. 9001, Private T. McIvor.

"G" Company.

No. 9438, Private R. McIntosh.

"H" Company.

No. 8287, Pte. J. Quin. | No. 7713, Pte. W. Dow.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

Permitted to continue beyond 21 years.

No. 2225, Band Sgt. A. Peggie, "E" Company
,, 2343, Corporal T. Gillespie, "B" ,,

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

No. 5594, Corpl. J. Ross, "D" Company
,, 5378, ,, C. Campbell, "E" ,,
,, 5380, ,, G. McLuckie, "H" ,,
,, 5164, L.-Cpl. C. Lewington, "E" ,,
,, 5117, ,, S. McVea, "C" ,,
,, 5420, Pte. H. C. Thacker, "E" ,,
,, 5472, ,, J. Robertson, "B" ,,
,, 5387, ,, R. Munro, "G" ,,
,, 5505, ,, G. D. Stevenson, "B" ,,
,, 5527, ,, R.B.H. Farrington, "F" ,,

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Extended to complete 12 years' with the Colours.

No. 6799, Private J. Kelly, "H" Company.
,, 6990, ,, H. Leinster, "B" ,,
,, 6343, ,, J. Henderson, "E" ,,
,, 6829, ,, D. Cameron, "A" ,,
,, 6711, ,, A. Nicol, "A" ,,
,, 6804, ,, A. McLachlan, "H" ,,
,, 6821, ,, R. Palmer, "H" ,,

Extended to complete 9 years' with the Colours.

No. 9303, Pte. J. Lawrie, "C" Company.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted 2nd Class Certificates of Education, 10th Sept.

No. 6780, Private W. Broadfoot, "A" Company.
,, 7729, ,, W. Duncan, "A" ,,
,, 9685, ,, T. Leishman, "A" ,,
,, 6875, ,, J. Donaldson, "C" ,,
,, 7875, ,, J. Caldwell, "C" ,,
,, 8010, Lce.-Cpl. W. McQueen, "D" ,,
,, 9157, Private A. Mackay, "E" ,,

Granted 3rd Class Certificates of Education, 10th Sept.

No. 9718, Private R. Dunn, "F" Company.
,, 9226, ,, A. Lowther, "D" ,,
,, 9453, ,, J. Clarke, "A" ,,
,, 8399, ,, C. Robertson, "A" ,,
,, 8117, ,, E. Lynch, "A" ,,
,, 9142, ,, F. Lennon, "H" ,,
,, 8171, ,, S. Bell, "C" ,,
,, 9263, ,, D. Williams, "D" ,,
,, 7402, ,, A. Patterson, "G" ,,
,, 7784, ,, J. Stewart, "F" ,,
,, 8805, ,, P. Gray, "F" ,,
,, 6959, ,, J. Patterson, "B" ,,
,, 6531, ,, R. Jamieson, "A" ,,
,, 8860, ,, R. Cunningham, "G" ,,
,, 9224, ,, T. Kerr, "B" ,,
,, 7370, ,, P. Mullen, "F" ,,
,, 8880, ,, W. Meighan, "H" ,,
,, 8116, ,, J. Leinster, "B" ,,
,, 9166, ,, T. McCready, "F" ,,
,, 7869, Dr. J. Wardrope, "D" ,,
,, 7840, ,, D. McIntosh, "E" ,,

Granted Harmony Certificates.

No. 5758, Cpl. E. S Parry, "A" Company.
,, 5716, L.-Cpl. J. McGeechan, "F" ,,
,, 5716, ,, W. Yeo, "C" ,,
,, 9090, Pte. A. Petrie, "C" ,,

TRANSFERS.

The following N.-C. O's. presently on the Unattached List are transferred as follows: –

To "Northumberland Fusiliers."

No. 2458, Sergt. E. Lillywhite.
,, 3146, ,, C. Clarke.
,, 4644, Colour-Sergt. D. Ritchie.

To "Royal Sussex Regiment."

No. 5601 Qr.-Mr.-Sgt. E. A. Daniel.

To "Royal Scots Fusiliers."

No. 3394, Qr.-Mr.-Sgt. J. Durman.

To "The Black Watch."

No. 8217, Sgt. R. Parke.
,, 8220, ,, J. D. Mathew.
,, 3775, ,, G. Forbes.
,, 7564, Sgt. J. H. Snowdon.
,, 5927, ,, D. Stobie, "A" Coy.
,, 4721, ,, T. Wylie.

To "Seaforth Highlanders."

No. 6143, Corpl. J. Robinson.
,, 3005, Sergt. A. Macdonald.
,, 3531, ,, C. Marks.
,, 2154, ,, T. Mackenzie.
,, 3097, Cr.-Sgt. A. Wallace, "B" Coy.
,, 5031, Sergt. R. McKay.
,, 5530, Color-Sgt. S. Gurney.

To "Gordon Highlanders."

No. 2582, Sergt. C. Duncan.
,, 4878, ,, J. McLachlan.
,, 6418, Sergt. J. McKenzie.
,, 2519, Colour-Sergt. W. Smith.
,, 5821, ,, ,, R. G. Gilmour.
,, 8200, Corpl. G. D. McIntosh.

To Bombay Unattached List for employment on S. and T. Corps.

No. 8200, Corpl. G. D. McIntosh, "D" Company.

To H. E. The Governor of Bombay's Band.

No. 5164, Lce.-Cpl. C. Lewington, "E" Company.

TRANSFERS RECEIVED.

From 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers.

No. 10203, Pte. A. Stormonth, "E" Company.

From 2nd Black Watch.

No. Pte. P. Brown, "A" Company.

Inter-Company.

No. 4805, Cr.-Sgt. W. Norrie, "F" to "B" Company.
,, 6192, Sergt. J. H. Markey, "C" to "F" ,,
,, 7202, Private D. Irvine, "B" to "C" ,,

FURLOUGHS.

The following are granted furlough as stated:—

No. 4712, Pte. J. Brown "A" Coy. 7-9-06 to 25-9-06.
,, 6806, L.-C. P. Tate, "G" ,, 22-9-06 to 21-11-06.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

BALFOUR.—At Poona on the 8th day of October, 1906, to the wife of Sergeant J. W. Balfour, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter.

DEATHS.

FITCH.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 6th September 1906, No. 7965, Private J. Fitch, "H" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

FERGUSON.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 10th September 1906, No. 8381, Lance-Corporal J. Ferguson, "E" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

TAYLOR.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 12th September 1906, No. 9293, Private D. Taylor, "B" Company Ninety-Third Highlanders.

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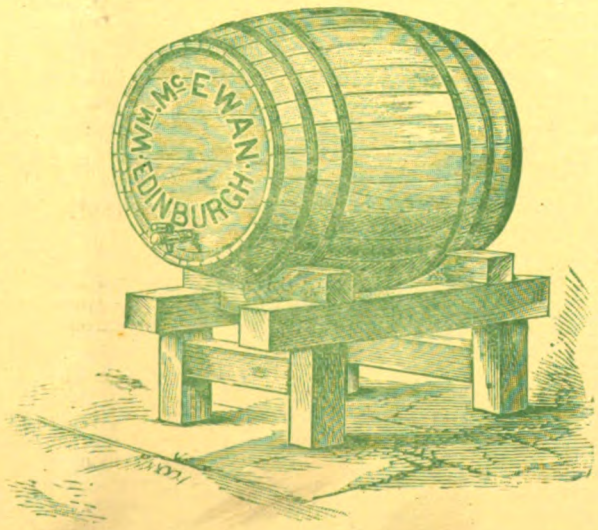

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SKIRLS

The month of October has proved to be one of more than usual interest, if a move under canvas, divisional field days and the like can be termed "interesting." Fortunately the out-break of plague has decreased to a great extent, while the number of men in hospital with fever has gone down very quickly, and though the shifting out of barracks was a "bit of a nuisance" while it lasted, it has without doubt improved the general health of the Battal on.

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At the moment of writing Mrs. Paterson has not yet reached convalescence, an attack of enteric fever having supervened on her previous illness. We are glad to hear, however, that the dangerous stage has been safely passed, and we hope to hear of her continued progress towards recovery.

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The raging pestilence of Poona—Plague—made its appearance in our ranks and unhappily carried off one victim, Private Wallace, "F" Company. On the recommendation of the Principal Medical Officer the whole Battalion at once moved under canvas on the *maidan* to allow the whole of the bungalows to be thoroughly disinfected when the troops will return to barracks.

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As our musketry year will conclude with our departure on 29th December, it is satisfactory to note that all the companies will probably be exercised before that date. "G" Company under Major Mackenzie and "A" Company under Captain M'Candlish have completed their course, the results of which appear on another page, while "B" and "H" Companies have made a start, the latter on a range borrowed from the native infantry.

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Captain A. J. Campbell having joined us during the month has taken over the command of "B" Company. Captain H. C. Macdonald has gone home for a tour of duty at the Depot. Second Lieutenant A. Stirling having joined on appointment is posted to "F" Company, while Mr. Falconar Stewart proceeded home on four months leave.

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We are glad to hear that the Hon. Mr. Bruce has so far recovered as to be able to journey home to Scotland.

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The strength of the Battalion has been considerably reduced by the departure of all the time expired men in the "Assaye" and "Dongola." The Thin Red Line has to mourn the loss of not

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a few contributors, but to all of them we extend our heartiest wishes for their success in civilian life.

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The Arms of the Battalion were inspected by the Chief Civil Master Armourer during the month.

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The periodical "tactical fitness" examination caused the Battalion to take part in several field-days and to spend one night—the anniversary of Balaklava—in bivouac. The operations were carried on around the Cantonments, the final day's fighting being near the Katraj Ghat.

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A start has been made during the month with the Hockey competition for the Attached Officer's cup. Two ties have been decided, "B "v" E," the latter being defeated, and "C "v" D," the latter winning. In our next issue we hope to give an acconut of the tournament in full.

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The Regimental Hockey Team has been entered for the Aga Khan Cup Tournament and from the form displayed recently we have every hope of their winning an honourable place. The first round will be played early in November.

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A short account of the Harris Football tournament is given this month. Unfortunately our team only reached the semi-final, but before doing so their play was of first class order, and we sympathise with them in their continued ill-luck.

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The new scheme for abolition of "service pay" and substitution of "Proficiency Pay" has reached us but fortunately has not yet been made law in India. What the proposed change means in the way of benefiting the soldier is difficult to see as the "inducement" for men to extend or re engage is rather discounted by the fact that in doing so they stand to lose at least 1d. per diem.

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In our columns this month we have pleasure in publishing an article written by Lieut-Colonel Hathaway, who is in charge of the Station Hospital here. We have no doubt the information given in it to our readers will prove of practical interest not only in India but in South Africa.

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The notification of our station in South Africa being Bloemfontein instead of Pretoria has been received with mixed feelings in the battalion. The former has the reputation of being a perhaps healthier station than Pretoria, but otherwise we do not think the change will materially affect us.

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Messrs. Coutts and Co., Shipping Agents, have established a money exchange agency on the homeward bound transports. The commission is only one per cent., and time-expired men desirous of transferring their money home cannot do better than to do so through this firm. Messrs. Coutts and Co. have agents at all the principal ports in India and Burma, and at home.

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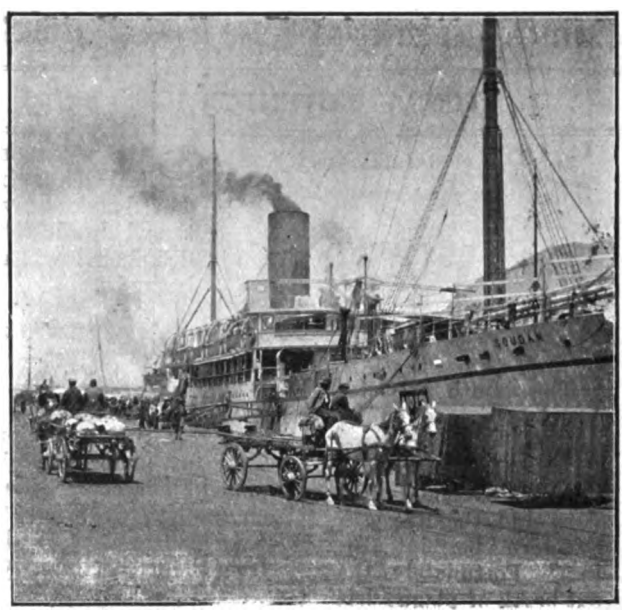
OUR TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA.



H. T. "SOUDAN."

A recent "Times of India" illustrated weekly edition contains a short history of the Ninety Third Highlanders illustrated by excellent groups of the Officers, the Warrant officers and Sergeants, the battalion marching past H. R. H. the Prince of Wales at Secunderabad, and a group of those who came out with us in 1891. The commanding officer has kindly purchased sufficient copies to enable all the veterans on our list to secure a copy and by this time they should be in their hands.

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The Editor has again to apologise for the delay in issue of the *Thin Red Line*, our printers being still handicapped by their inability to secure compositors.

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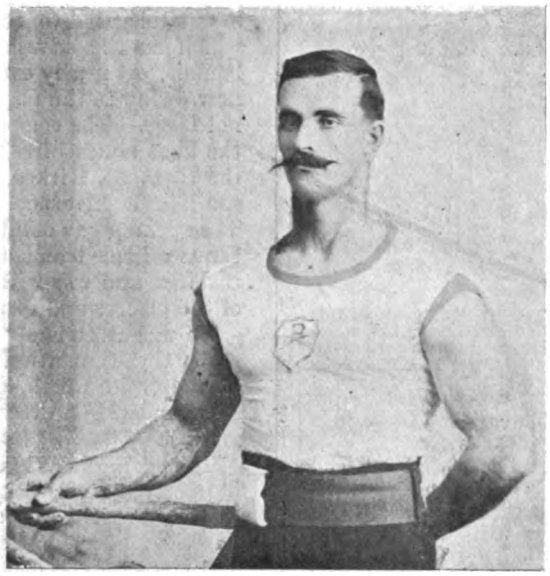
Divisional Assault-at-Arms.

The Annual Assault-at-Arms commenced on the morning of the 3rd and continued till the 6th October. Unlike previous years it has on this occasion been a purely Divisional meeting instead of a Presidential one, but although this has affected the number of entries for one or two events, others are up to and some better than formerly. Captain Umfreville assisted by Q. M. S. Chinnery of the Central Gymnasium carried through the organizing duties as before, the Ninety Third's representative on the Committee being 2nd Lieutenant Porteous.

The proceedings opened in the mornings with the Gymnastic and dismounted swordsmanshipt events, these being decided in the Gymna- sium; while in the afternoons the mounted events, Mounted Infantry contest, and last but by no means least, the tugs of war, were disposed of.



LANCE-CORPORAL MONTGOMERY

As in former years a large percentage of the prizes came our way, and we congratulate the prizewinners individually and collectively on their successes, successes which have only been gained by persistent training, and untiring effort at the crucial moment. In Lance-Corporal Montgomery, who has for the second year in succession gained the premier position of "Best man at arms" the Ninety-Third have a gymnast and swordsman able to hold his own anywhere, and though we understand no medal has this year been awarded to him still he has well earned the indisputable title officially vouched to him in the 1905 meeting. We have much pleasure in reproducing his photograph.

Our Mounted Infantry team, which eventually proved the successful one in the Lloyd Lindsay competition, are to be congratulated on their horsemanship. As usual the tug of war contest excited most interest in the battalion and high hopes were entertained of the success of one or both teams. Our hopes have in no way been disappointed, as both heavy and light weight teams emerged successful from their encounters, and Sergeants Glass and Markey, the trainers of the respective teams, deserve every congratulation on their victories. The Heavy weight team was made up as follows,—Sergeant J. W. Balfour, "B" Coy; Lce. Cpl. McLaren, "D" Coy; Privates Bruce, "F"; McIntosh, Craig and Munro, "D"; Stewart, "G"; Dawson and Caskie, "H"; and Roy, "B" Company. In the first round they were lucky enough to secure a bye, and as only three teams had entered, this left them to pull in the final the winners of the first tie. This proved to be the Connaught Rangers, and though the ultimate issue never appeared to be in doubt our boys made so sure of their work that the opposing team were pretty quickly over the line.

The light weight team was composed of Drummer Aitken, Privates Reid, Aitken, McGregor, Leinster and Millar of "B" Company; Campbell, "C" Coy; Mullen, "F" Coy. and Lce.-Corpl McPherson and Private Quin, "H" Company.

The draw found us pitted against the Kirkee Artillery, but as the latter did not appear our team entered the second round without pulling. They then met the Artillery from Bombay and disposing of them found they were drawn against the Royal Scots, and amid a scene of great excitement they again proved victorious.

This concluded the meeting, and Major-General Richardson, Commanding the Division, presented the prizes. In doing so he heartily congratulated our teams on their well earned honours. Our heavy weight team, as all will remember, were beaten last year by the Connaughts after a splendid pull of 10 minutes, after we had disposed of the Heavy Gunners from Bombay, and the Horse Gunners, so their win this year was very acceptable. It may be remembered the light weight team were prize winners in 1904. Next month we hope to give an illustration of the successful tug of war teams.

The following is a detailed list of the different events in which our prize winners appeared:—

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Bayonet v. *Bayonet.*
1st—Lce.-Corpl. Montgomery, W.

Bayonet Combat by teams.
1st—The Leicester Regiment.
2nd—2nd Bn. A. & S. Highlanders.

Foils.
1st—Lce.-Corpl Montgomery, W.
2nd—Lce.-Sergt. Alder, W.

Sabre v. *Sabre.*
1st—Lce.-Corpl. Montgomery, W.

Gymnastics generally.
1st—Lce.-Corpl. Montgomery, W.

Mounted Infantry Competition.
1st—2nd Bn. A. & S. Highlanders.

Tug of War, Light Weights.
1st—2nd Bn. A & S Highlanders.
2nd—The Royal Scots.

Tug of War, Heavy Weights.
1st—2nd Bn. A. & S. Highlanders.

Best Regiment at Arms -Dismounted.
2nd Bn. A. & S. Highlanders.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what is hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited form it.]

THAT we appear to be in a very healthy place.

That "Pretoria" is off and "B-m-f-tein" on.

That it will be an awfu' nuisance writing such a big word.

That there's been a wheen o' rumours lately.

That afore he wid dee in this country he wid hang himsel'.

That the Sergeants' Picnic was a grand affair.

That it wis a pity sic a big loch wis a' water.

That the Balaklava manœuvres came off onyway.

That he was a guid yin at semaphore but he couldna manage baith flags.

That he wisna gettin' eight nichts in bed this week.

That living on a *maidan* may be healthy but its sometimes gey cauld.

That he wis warned tae be a volunteer.

That anither "new pay" scheme is on.

That the sevenpence is off.

That the additional educational requirements consistent with increased emoluments necessitate his studying for the first part o' his third.

That its hard lines on the auld yins.

That its fitba' career in India is owre for a while.

That it hears grand reports about the Hockey Team.

Football.

The Harris Cup Tournament.

After the defeat of our team in the semi-final of the Rovers Tournament at Bombay, it was generally thought we stood a fair chance in the local tournament, but again we have had to take a second place. Before so doing, however, four good rousing games had to be contested. The team representing the Ninety-Third was much the same as that which played at Bombay, and we must congratulate the players on their well tried efforts to secure the cup. The following interesting account of the tournament is taken from the *Times of India*:—

For a number of years the Tournament was played at the Gymkhana, but for some few years it was relegated to the Ghorpuri parade ground, which has the advantage of not being "out of bounds," as nearly every place in Poona is just now owing to the plague, but the attendance was not large. The competing teams this year were the East Lancashires, the Lincolns from Kamptee, the R. F. A., Kirkee, the 93rd Highlanders, and the King's Liverpool Regiment from Nasirabad. The opening game in the Tournament was between the two home teams, the 93rd and the East Lancashires, and was witnessed by a large gathering of the officers and men of both regiments. The game was a strongly contested one, both sides under the stimulation of their comrades, playing all they were worth, and giving no chances. The game ended in a draw, neither side having scored anything.

The game was resumed the following evening before an even larger gathering and play was of a most spirited kind throughout. In the first half the teams attacked and defended alternately, and a good deal of play was carried on in the centre of the ground. Two minutes before the half time sounded Dunn, of the Highlanders, with a smart angle shot scored a goal for his side. Play was resumed, one goal to *nil*, the Lancashires trying hard to equalise and eventually succeeded, thus bringing the game level. A further five minutes play produced no effect, and the game stood "as you were before you were"—one goal each. The second round consisted of the Lincolns from Kamptee, and the R. F. A. from Kirkee. This pair had the disadvantage of a damp and slippery ground, as a heavy shower of rain fell which rendered cautious play necessary. In the first half neither side could break down their opponents' defence, and a slow and sticky competition closed *nil* to *nil*. The second half was a little livelier, and after quite a succession of failures the Lincolns managed to run the ball right up to the right of the Gunners' goal, and

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from a long range shot got it into goal a minute before time sounded, thus winning by one goal to *nil*.

Following on the blank on Monday and the tie on Tuesday, the 93rd and the East Lancashires met for the third time. As may be supposed, there was a tremendous gallery for both sides, who kept up shouts of alternate encouragement and applause. Both sides were keenly bent on scoring, and made the most of their opportunities, but when half time was piped the sheet was still blank; neither side had scored. The same tactics were pursued by both of these teams and the second half had the same result as the first—no scoring. So five minutes each was allowed for further play. In the first five minutes nothing occurred; but with just three minutes left the 93rd got a chance and secured a goal, thus ending this thrice-fought and determined game by one goal to *nil*.

This left the semi-finals for the Liverpool Regiment and the 93rd Highlanders. There was the counter attraction of the racing but those who went to the football were rewarded by witnessing a splendid game. The Liverpools on this occasion played a very good game, but had they not been successful in scoring a goal two minutes after play began the issue might have been otherwise. The first half of the game closed with one goal to *nil*.

On resuming play the 93rd made several determined efforts in succession and in two minuts had obtained a goal. The Liverpools however, scored another goal as the result of a foul given against the 93rd some twelve minutes after play began. There were a good may fouls and offsides during the latter half of the game, which closed with two goals to the Liverpools against one goal by the Highlanders. This left the Kamptee and Nasirabad men to settle events.

The play was very even, the excellent combination of the Lincolns proving a sufficient foil to the impetuosity of the Liverpools. In the first half neither side scored. In the second half it looked like a draw till from a foul given against the Lincolns the Liverpools scored a goal just as play was about to end. There was a good deal of level play throughout the game, but the spectators were not so numerous as on any of the former occasions.

Before the cup was was handed over General Richardson said:—

Officers and men—I am sure that if Lord Harris had been here to-day it would have been a great source of gratification to him to have seen the popularity of this Tournament, and the pleasure which it has given to all of us to see the excellent play of the teams. It is a matter of great regret that more teams were not able to come in from outside. I am sure that though there has been an absence of quantity on this occasion it has been made up by quality. Last year the Leicesters won the cup, and this year the final of this tournament rested entirely with outside teams, who deserve great credit for the sporting manner in which they have come from so far to compete. I must congratulate the Liverpools on their fast and active play. They well deserve the win they have attained, and they have our hearty congratulations. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without saying a good word in condoling with the East Lancashires. I believe that they played the Royal Scots in Bombay three times, and here in this Tourament they have played the 93rd Highlanders three times again. They certainly deserve great credit for the magnificent form which they showed after such a very hard contest with the Highlanders. I have known the 93rd for a good many years now, and I am sorry that this will be the last time we shall see them playing in India, but we all wish them good luck in South Africa. The Gunners, who have been beaten by the Lincolns, have hardly been here long enough for us to know their team. But they are going away too, and they will take away our best wishes with them. Last year there were seven teams entered for this Tournament, but this year there were only six. However, we hope to see many new regiments and many new teams competing next year. In conclusion, I must thank Sergeant D'Arcy, the Referee, for his just and quick decisions. We must also thank Captain Umfreville for all that he has done to ensure the success of the Tournament, and the aid he has given on every occasion.

Mrs. Richardson then presented the prizes to the winners, and cheers for Mrs. Richardson, and for the winners and the losers, terminated the proceedings.

Musketry.

"G" Company's Annual Course.

Exercised by Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., in fairly good weather, the company firing the 1905 course for the first time have improved on their average of last year. The following attained marksman:

No. 4771, Corporal J. Oliver, (Company shot).

No.		No.	
6382,	L.-Sgt. A. Brownlie,	6811,	L.-Sgt. W. Murray.
9186,	L.-Cpl. W. J. McKilligan,	8073,	L.-Cpl W. Fleming.
5994,	Pte. A. Rice,	7744,	Pte. H. Alexander.
7916,	,, J. McMath,	7464,	,, J. Paul.
7557,	,, C. Stead,	7657,	,, S. Stewart.
4579,	,, W. Benson,	5387,	,, R. Munro.

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No. of Marksmen, 13, No. of 1st Class shots, 26.
„ „ 2nd Class shots 22, „ „ 3rd „ „ 3.
Company average 178.

"A" Company's Annual Course.

Exercised by Captain P. D. McCandlish in good weather, the company have beaten their last year's average by nearly 10 points. The following attained marksman :

No. 6511, Pte. J. Lamie, (Company shot).
2nd Lieut. R. G. Maclaine.

No.		No.	
9451	Pte. J. Wilson,	2144	Cr.-Sgt. F. W. Clark.
4531	L.-Cpl. C Armour,	8909	Dr. W. McLean.
7611	„ R. Gunn,	5842	Sgt. R. Glass.
3930	Pte. W. McMaster,	7221	Pte. M. Clanahan.
7505	„ S. Cunnion,	7507	„ R. Kean.
9705	„ H. Truswell,	5171	„ J. Coutts.
4749	„ S. Durick,	7191	Cpl. J. McKenzie
10208	Pte. P. Brown.	7670	Pte. J. Brown.

No. 8319, Pte J. Bell.

Casuals.

No. 4567 Sgt. D. Inglis, "E" Coy.
„ 9441 Dr. W. Harris, "G" Coy.
No. of marksmen, 18, No. of 1st Class shots, 30.
No. of 2nd Class shots, 30, No. of 3rd Class shots, 1.
Company average 186.

Regimental Shooting Club.

Owing to the different Thursdays of the month requiring the attendance of the battalion on such important objects as moving under canvas, manœuvres, &c., there have been no meetings. It is proposed however to fire off the Army Inter-Company match early in November. We believe several members of the battalion have entered for the Meerut meeting, and we have every confidence in their making a good show for the regiment.

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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

The Picnic.

For the second time in Poona the members of the Mess with their wives and children Pic-niced at Karakwasla, Lake Fife. Thursday October was the day chosen for the outing, and shortly after breakfast all were on their way, gharries being requisitioned for the occasion. On arrival, the dak bungalow was made head-quarters for the day, and in a short time everyone was enjoying themselves. Swings were erected, also a badminton net, cricket being also indulged in, but above all boating was a keen source of enjoyment. Two excellent boats were in use, and were continually on the move. No marvellous feats of seamanship fall to be recorded this year, but a rowing challenge, East v. West (of Scotland) excited considerable interest. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, it has yet to be decided. An excellent dinner was served in the shade of the trees at the edge of the "loch," and later on tea. Before leaving the party were photographed by Mr. Metzker, and a reproduction cap should appear in this issue of the "Thin Red Line" To Colour Sergeant Arnott and his committee all are indebted for an excellent day's outing, probably our last in India.

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Owing to the "exigencies of the service," i.e., manœuvres, our annual celebration of the Battle of Balaklava has had to be postponed to a date early in November.

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It is with sincere regret that we record the somewhat sudden death of a popular member of the Mess in Lance-Sergeant Robert Tawse, "D" Company. Our deceased comrade was much esteemed in his capacity as Assistant Instructor in Signalling to the Battalion, and until lately was a well known runner at the Annual Sports. We offer our sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.

Which did baby resemble the more—its father or mother? Its parents, burly Bill Brown and his little wife, to put it charitably, were not renowned for their beauty—nor was the baby. When their friends and neighbours in Byker were asked the important question, they gave evasive replies, so Bill decided to refer it to arbitration. "Aa'll ask Jake, when he leaves the milk, to step in an' give his vardict," said he; "he's a crusty aad fellow, but he allus speaks the truth, wivoot fear or favour." So Jake was asked in, and after a critical inspection he took a huge pinch of snuff; then solemnly gave his decision, while the parents listened eagerly. "Aa expect it's the will of Providence, but it's mighty hard on the kid for all that; thor's ne doot it hes a look o' ye both, poor bairn!"

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Scene in Scotland.—Guide, showing Sassenach over historic ground. Guide: "This is where the Clan gathered." Sassenach (vaguely): "What did they gather?" Guide: "Chuckie stanes!"

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A young Highlander was recently made a policeman, and was placed on duty at a busy part of Glasgow. Coming round the corner of Jamaica Street he, while on duty, was nearly knocked over by a couple of Yankees. The policeman turned round and said, "Move on oot o' this at wanest." "We guess this is a free country," was the reply. "So it iss a free country, but this is the town; move on."

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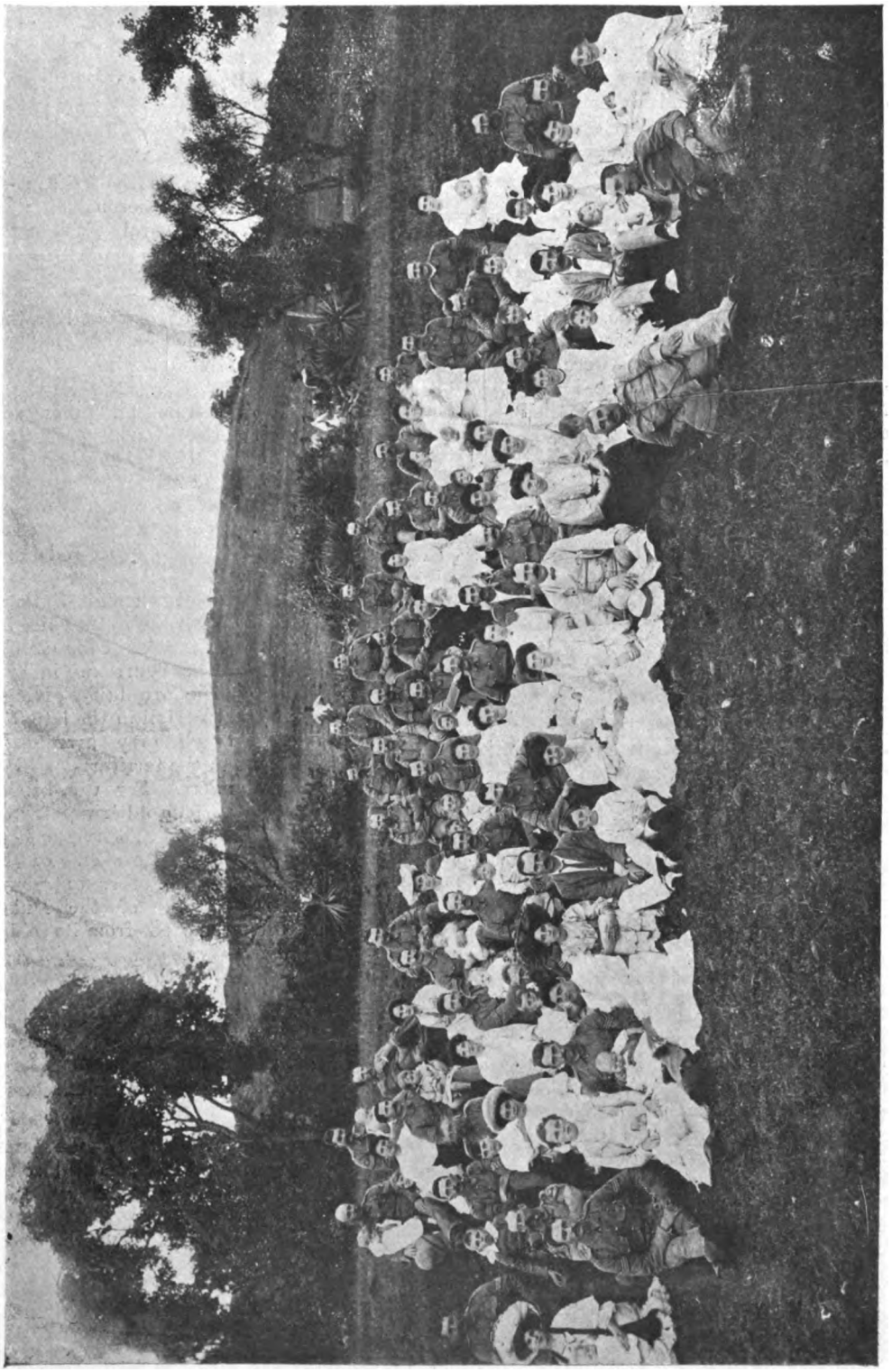

SERGEANTS MESS PIC-NIC—1906.

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Home and Depot Notes.

All enlistments (except of boys) for the infantry of the line will, in future, be for a period of 7 years with the colours, and 5 years with the reserve. If serving beyond the seas, the soldier may be detained an extra year with the colours.

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Major-General Myles, director of the recruiting organisation in the army, visited Stirling on Friday, and in the course of the afternoon inspected the recruits stationed at the Castle. Under Captain Moulton-Barrett the recruits were drawn up in front of the Barracks, and were put through various movements in drill. The Major-General then made a minute inspection of their clothing and accoutrements, with which he expressed himself as highly satisfied. He also commented on the fine appearance of the men, stating that their physique was quite up to the average. Accompanied by Captain Beattie and Colonel Greig, the Major-General thereafter made a survey of the Castle, visiting in turn the Barracks, dining hall, mobilisation stores, and gymnasium, and found everything in a satisfactory condition.

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Several important changes in the permanent Staff of our Volunteer Battalions have recently occurred. Colour-Sergeant Instructor Wight, late of the Rothesay Company, has been appointed Sergeant Major of the 1st V. B. A. & S. Hrs. while Colour Sergeant Barrett from Paisley has been appointed to the 7th V. B. A. & S. H. as Sergeant Major. Sergeant Major Barrett, it may be remembered, left the 93rd in 1901.

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It having been decided to abolish Edinburgh as a cavalry station, the Royal Scots Greys, who have been quartered there for the last year, will be moved to Salisbury Plain. The question of their barracks there presents, however, a matter of difficulty. At present none exist for cavalry, and the choice lies between Bulford, Netheravon, and Tidworth, at each of which places considerable alterations would be required. The matter is now under consideration, and a decision is likely to be shortly reached, as it is understood that the War Office is anxious that the regiment should move by the end of the year.

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It is proposed to add two important chapters to the manual for "Combined Training."

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We observe from the draw in the first round of the Army Cup that our 1st Battalion have received a bye. The first round has to be completed by 3rd November.

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In the final tie of the South African Army Cup the 2nd Battalion Cameron Highlanders beat the 3rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers by 2 goals to nil.

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A snell wintry blast exercised rather a chilling influence on the Falkirk folks who assembled to witness the unveiling of the war memorial by Lord Roberts. Despite the sleet and snow, they came from all parts of the surrounding districts, Grangemouth, Linlithgow, Castlecary, etc., contributing each their quota. Naturally, a great many came to see "Bobs," our leading soldiers not being exactly "familiar figures" in the Midlands of Scotland, so that the opportunity to see the hero of Kandahar and the Veldt was fully taken advantage of. The memorial represents an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander with fixed bayonet, standing in an attitude of defence over a fallen comrade. It is a spirited bit of work. The figures are in bronze, while the base, on which are tables giving the names of the soldiers who fell in the late South African war, is of rough grey granite. The design is a compliment to the territorial regiment, the A. and S. Highlanders. For the benefit of Falkirk lads who may be soldiering furth of Scotland, I might mention that the memorial has been erected at the western end of Newmarket-Street Gardens, to the other extremity of which the equestrian statue of the Duke of Wellington has been removed from its old site at the Cross. – *From "The Military Mail."*

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In view of the many rumours regarding a reduction in the standard of musketry required to be attained by a marksman, the following extract from the latest Home memorandum on the subject is interesting.

"It has been recommended that the present standard of marksmanship for the trained soldiers of Regular cavalry and infantry be reduced, as being too difficult of attainment. This standard, however, has been designedly set high, as it is considered that the distinction should not be a common one, and the Army Council therefore see no good reason for any change in this respect."

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Health in the Tropics.

The Commander-in-Chief in India having issued orders that officers and men in all the Garrisons of India should attend Lectures on the preservation of health, Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Hathaway, R.A.M.C., the senior medical officer of Poona, delivered a lecture on Saturday the 5th October in the Connaught Institute, which was well attended by officers and men. The subject taken was health in the tropics. The lecturer said that a European entering the tropics has to be careful in many things if he is to preserve his health. Everything is so different from what he has been accustomed to that it requires a certain time before he becomes acclimatised to the new conditions.

Full of the energy begotten of a birthplace in a temperate or cold climate he is not sensible at first of the great power of the sun and of the great difference of temperature of the air to which he is subjected: he is, accordingly apt to expose himself in a way that with more experience he would never dream of and to forget to adapt his mode of life to the new conditions. There are rules or axioms which should never be forgotten in the tropics.

The first is not to expose oneself to the sun unless the head is well protected.

The second is to avoid chills, which may easily be contracted by exposing the body to the cool evening breezes when fatigued or over heated by exercise. And

The third is to avoid as far as possible the infection of malaria.

If attention is paid to these rules life in the tropics even under the most trying conditions, may be as healthy as in temperate regions, always provided that as at home the ordinary sanitary canons as regards purity of water and drink, wholesome food, healthy dwellings and personal hygiene are attended to. It is true that some constitutions appear to be able to withstand any amount of exposure to the sun just as others often are able apparently to withstand the injurious effect of excessive drinking. Such individuals will go about during the day with an ordinary cap on their head or even bare headed. They are exceptions and their example should on no account be followed. Excessive exposure to the sun and especially so when the atmosphere is full of moisture, almost invariably produces headache, slight fever, and ultimately a high degree of nervous irritability ending not infrequently in a nervous break down. Sometimes it causes sunstroke.

The injurious effects of the sun are believed to be caused by the chemical rays rather than by the heat ray. For this reason it is recommended that red, orange or yellow coloured materials, which do not allow the chemical rays to pass through them, should be used for the lining of the topee and of the spinal pad. For the same reason a shirt or vest of one of these colors should be worn. Natives of hot climates are fond of these bright colours and it is possible that they have learnt from experience their comfort.

On the other hand while a warning is necessary to the new arrival against undue exposure to the sun, an equal warning is required not to lead a too sedentary life and remain too much indoors. Exercise and an open air life are essential to health in the tropics. Exercise should be regular and short of fatigue. Precautions against chill are particularly necessary on account of the sensitive state of the skin, which is peculiarly susceptible to external impressions of cold. Chill holds a very important place as an exciting cause of disease in warm climates. The skin is more active and sensitive in a hot climate than in a cold. There is a larger supply of blood at the surface and the evaporation and perspiration from the body are greater. A sudden check to perspiration is apt to cause disturbances of the liver, bowels or other internal organs. It is therefore advisable as far as possible to prevent the skin from being subjected to great changes of temperature This is best effected by not exposing the body when overheated to sudden cold and by wearing suitable garments next to the skin which will keep the body at a uniform temperature. After violent exercise the clothes should be changed as soon as possible or a great coat should be put on at sundown otherwise a severe attack of diarrahoea, inflammatory dysentery, or congestion of the liver may come on. When heated or fatigued a cold bath ought never to be taken. At night in the hot weather there is special liability to chills for then the body is apt to be drenched with a profuse perspiration and if the night clothing is not absorbent the result is apt to be a chill.

To prevent the effects of a chill developing it is advisable to take a hot bath, go to bed, take a warm drink and an aperient.

It is easier to take cold in a warm climate owing to the sensitive condition of the skin than in cold climates where ample protection in the shape of warm clothing is provided and the skin is not nearly so sensitive. A cholera belt protects parts particularly susceptible to cold.

Europeans sometimes get into ill health by continuing in the tropics their cold bath to which they were accustomed in colder climates. The cold is apt to produce, especially when the body is overheated or fatigued, congestion of the internal organs.

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In healthy Europeans the tepid bath is as a rule not only the safest but the more refreshing. In those suffering from bowel complaints or disorder of the liver the warm bath only should be taken and the cold or even tepid bath is unsafe.

(To be continued.)

Proficiency Pay.

The Royal Warrant promulgated by Army Order 231 dated 1st October 1906 has for its object the readjustment of the emoluments, other than regimental pay, of the soldier.

It decrees that the provisions regarding the grant of service pay shall cease to have effect for soldiers of all arms who on or after 1st October 1906 either enlist, extend their colour service, re-engage, rejoin the colours, continue beyond 21 years, or are transferred to another arm or branch of the service, and that additional emoluments—termed Proficiency Pay—will, under certain conditions, be granted in their stead.

The new rates of pay are as follows,—

Class I—6d per day.
Class II—3d per day.

And by article 3 of the Royal warrant, in order to become eligible for these, the soldier, of whatever rank must,

1. Be serving under an engagement of more than 3 years with the colours.
2. Have at least two years' service with the colours.
3. Be in all respects physically capable of performing the duties of his rank in whatever branch of the service to which he belongs.
4. Be in possession of a third class certificate of education.

Soldiers of the rank of Sergeant and upwards shall, subject to their fulfilling the foregoing conditions, be entitled to draw Class I Proficiency Pay by virtue of their rank, and similarly soldiers of the rank of corporal shall be entitled to draw Class II Proficiency Pay.

A soldier in order to receive Proficiency Pay otherwise than by virtue of his rank, shall be required to possess such special qualifications as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Army Council. At present these are, in the case of infantry, as follows:

For Class II, Proficiency Pay.
2nd Class Shot, or certificated signaller. (One who has been passed at the annual inspection of the unit).

For Class I, Proficiency Pay.
1st Class shot or marksman.

As most of the battalion are at present receiving Service Pay, and the grant of Proficiency Pay has not been promulgated in India, the new order does not at present materially affect them, except that to retain Class I Service Pay it is now absolutely necessary to obtain a third class certificate of education, as after 1st October 1907 Class I Service Pay cannot be given to anyone who has not got at least this certificate. Then again as the new conditions of Class I Proficiency Pay govern the issue of Class I Service Pay, from the date of promulgation of the Royal Warrant in India, or should this not occur before we leave for South Africa then on arrival there, a soldier other than a Sergeant or upwards, must be a first class shot or marksman to receive Class I Service Pay, but so long as he is serving on his present engagement, he will always be eligible to receive Class II Service Pay no matter what class of shot he is.

The usual conditions regarding hospital and marching efficiency still hold good, but a most important point is that no reduction of service pay will in future be made on account of misconduct, but soldiers admitted to hospital suffering from preventible deseases or alcoholism shall forfeit whatever service pay they are drawing.

As the warrant provides that on or after 1st October 1906 permission to extend, re-engage or continue in the service shall only be given on the condition that the soldier accepts the new Proficiency Pay, anyone who is in receipt of Service Pay before that date will continue to draw service pay under the same conditions as Proficiency Pay is granted, until such time as they extend or re-engage when, if they wish to remain in the service they must accept the new order of things. This is not very much inducement for the private soldier to extend or re-engage as it means that on commencing the new period should he be in receipt of Class I Service Pay he will drop to Class I Proficiency Pay, thus losing at least 1d per diem.

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Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

SERGEANT ALEXANDER ROSS.

Enlisted at Durys, Sutherlandshire, 3rd May 1847 and served throughout the whole of the Crimean, Indian Mutiny and Umbeyla campaigns. Is in possession of Crimean medal with clasps for Alma, Balaklava and Sebastopol; Turkish medal, Indian Mutiny medal with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow; Indian Frontier medal with clasp for Umbeyla. Served with the Light Company during the whole of his service. Left the Regiment at Jhansi and was discharged to pension with over 21 years service on 7th July 1868. Was afterwards employed for a short time as a pensioner instructor on the permanent establishment of the Ross-shire militia. "Danny" as he was familiarly called when serving with the Regiment, is now 77 years of age and is of remarkable physique for a man of his age and trying experiences. He is a native of Tain. Mrs Ross, his better half, is remarkable as being the only survivor of the four women who landed with the Ninety-Third in the Crimea. She shares, with the late Mrs. Smith (on the authority of several Crimean veterans of the Regiment) the honour of being the amazon who belaboured the Turks on their retirement from the redoubts in front of the Balaklava position on the morning of the battle Apparently both of the women employed themselves thus usefully to the dismay of the scared Turks Mrs. Ross was laundress to Sir Colin Campbell at Balaklava and was also employed as a nurse, going twice to Turkey with batches of invalids. This veteran couple, a photograph of whom appears below, were married while the Regiment was stationed at Edinburgh in 1850. and have enjoyed a wedded existence of extraordinary length of time, and with a record of adventure and hardships that few couples can boast of. They were both, I am pleased to say, in the very best health when I saw them last year at Davidson's Mains, and were very pleased and proud indeed to behold the Sutherland tartan again. The Amazonian spirit is not by any means yet extinct in the breast of Mrs. Ross as she says that her one great regret is that she was not allowed to accompany the Regiment during the Indian Mutiny campaign. May this valiant old couple be spared to behold the Regiment they love and served with so long

SERGEANT AND MRS. ALEXANDER ROSS.

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Battle Honours of the Ninety-Third.

"Balaklava," *25th October* 1854.

Much has been, and probably will be written regarding the feat of arms which has earned for the Ninety-Third the undying honour of being known as *The Thin Red Line* and while the stirring scene has often been described in these columns, it is only due to our older comrades to again remind the younger members of the battalion of the example of the Highland soldiers discipline shewn to the Army in General at one of the most critical moments in the whole of the Crimean campaign.

The scene is best described as follows, —

The Russians descended on Balaklava in overwhelming numbers. Twenty five battalions of infantry, 34 squadrons of cavalry, and 78 guns — or in all 24,000 men —were employed in the attack; and as they debouched from the hills in great bodies the scene was calculated to try even the strongest nerves. The Turkish redoubts were first stormed; but the Turks made a feeble stand. Turning tail they fled towards the town and the Russians continued their triumphal march down into the valley. Between them and Balaklava stood Sir Colin and the 93rd Highlanders. In two long, slender lines they were arrayed, and with the calmness of the parade ground they awaited the onslaught. The Highlanders were fighting against terrible odds. They numbered less than 600, while bearing down on them was squadron after squadron of Russian cavalry. It was a critical moment, but Sir Colin knew his men, and he had confidence in them.

"Now, men," he said, as he rode along the line, "remember there is no retreat from here. You must die where you stand."

And the response came from the ranks —"Ay, ay, Sir Colin; an' need be we'll do that."

Sir Colin then ordered the Highlanders forward to the crest of the hill, and the men obeyed with an impetuosity which suggested a desire to rush on and charge the advancing enemy. But this would have ruined all, and as they sprang forward Sir Colin, with his temper at fever heat, was heard fiercely shouting-

"Ninety-Third! Ninety-Third! D—n all that eagerness!"

Sir Colin's angry voice soon steadied the line, and then followed an exhibition of quiet resolute courage such as soldiers have seldom displayed on the field of battle. Sir Colin had discarded the usual method adopted by infantry of receiving cavalry in square—his men were not even formed into fours—and was prepared to meet the charge with his Highlanders drawn up in a long line of two deep.

Meanwhile the Russians came on at a furious gallop. Like a raging avalanche the horsemen drew ever nearer that "thin red line" of Highlanders; swords, lances, and helmets glittered in the morning sun: and then with fierce yells the cavalry spurred up to cover the last few yards that separated them from the handful of men that barred the way. The squadrons appeared above the crest "like the successive waves of a human sea"; but still the 93rd waited the word of fire.

At last the word of command rang out. The plumed heads dropped, and from end to end of the line there burst a withering volley: the headlong course of the Russians was stopped; saddles were emptied by the score, and men and horses were huddled together in confusion.

The 93rd quickly and calmly reloaded; another volley was poured into the ranks of the discomfitted horsemen, and then the Russians turned and fled. The Highlanders, by their calmness and discipline, had gained a great and glorious victory; an ugly crisis in the defence of Balaklava had been averted.

Cycling.

Forty Miles Road Handicap.

The annual forty miles Road race of the Poona Wheelers Cycling Club took place on Sunday 30th September. The course was from Poona to Talegaon and back, and the interests of the Ninety Third were chiefly centered in their representatives of whom Lance Corporal Wright, the present holder of the road record, was one. Eight competitors started, but two puncturing were soon out of the reckoning. Wright went off scratch, while Private Bell had 13 minutes start and Private Beattie, 14 minutes. The race finished as follows.

1st Private Bell, "C" Coy.
2nd Lance Corporal Wright.
3rd Private Beattie, "A" Coy.

Lance Corporal Wright, riding a Hobart, broke his own record of 1 hour 53 minutes 55 seconds by doing the distance, unpaced, in 1 hour, 48 minutes. This latter time will probably stand for a number of years for we have little doubt that the Ninety Third man is the best of his class in India. We understand Lance Corporal Wright is proceeding home this season, and should he do so, we hope he will make his appearance on the home tracks where he will have an opportunity of adding to his Indian laurels.

Private Bell is to be congratulated on winning this race as it is his first appearance on the racing track.

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To the Veterans of "The Thin Red Line."

On history's honoured page are famous deeds of battle lore,
Fought by Briton's veteran sons, some fifty years and more,
The Crimea was their battle-ground, the Moscovite their foe,
And many a thousand brave men fell before the final blow.
In front of Kadikôi's gorge a famous hillock stands,
It is the key and barrier, Balaklava it commands,
'Twas here Sir Colin and his men resolved to win or die,
He formed them in a "Thin Red Line," his faith in them was high.
Yonder o'er the Causeway Heights the enemy's squadrons come,
No strains of music cheer them on, no sound of martial drum;
But deadlier notes fell on their ears ere many moments fled,
And 'gainst the slender Scarlet Line, Ryjoff his horsemen led.
And now the Russian battery guns belch forth their flame and shot,
The Turks take to their heels and run, a scared and coward lot,
But sterner stuff than Osman blood awaits the onslaught there,
"The Thin Red Line" unswerving stand, their deadly bayonets glare.
Sir Colin sheltered his gallant men behind the hillock's crest,
The Russian balls tore through the air, but none their flight molest,
Ryjoff's horsemen now are near, with flying hoofs the hillock shakes,
"The Thin Red Line" regains the crest, their battle-spirit wakes.
Sir Colin cried: "Remember, men, there's no retreat from here;
You must die where you stand!" the fateful words came clear;
"Ay, Ay, Sir Colin, we'll dae that!" a Highlander replied,
"The Thin Red Line," brave men are they, these stirring moments tried.
That glittering line of bayonets' steel now to their shoulders raised.
And in the charging troopers' ranks a deadly volley blazed,
Now smitten with that withering blast, they wildly plunged and reeled,
"The Thin Red Line" has terrored them, a shot-riven host they yield.
No Highland blood their sabres dyed, tho' front and flank they try,
That fire-fringed line has routed them, a shattered mass they fly,
You nobly stemmed a threatening storm, and Balaklava saved,
"The Thin Red Line" has triumphed, and that furious onset braved.
You've braved the dangers of the trench, the breach, and bastion,
And in the fight for Alma's heights, your fearless courage shone,
Honour these Veteran braves, who bore the scourge of war,
Honour "The Thin Red Line," their fame resounds afar.

Jamieson Street, Arbroath. J. K. C.

Letter to the Editor.

SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE CLUB,
EDINBURGH.

SIR,

I have read with much pleasure your notices of the "Veterans of the Ninety-Third" in the June Number of the Regimental Paper, particularly *No. 2511 Sergeant John Crichton.*

You state, "For the past thirty-three years Mr. Crichton has held the "appointment of Bank Messenger, Union Bank of Scotland, a position of trust which but few soldiers attain."

Now, although the position of Bank Messenger is a desirable post of trust, as you say, I think it will interest the past and present members of your distinguished Regiment to know, that Mr. Crichton only served for eighteen months as Bank Messenger, when he was promoted to a clerkship, and as a trusted clerk his services had been much appreciated by the Bank for the long period of over thirty years. I can assure you, that Mr. Crichton's conduct and example have been a power for good among the young men in the Bank, his amiable modest character, his soldierly bearing, and sterling fidelity, and intelligence, are qualities which have earned for him the esteem and respect of all the staff.

Mr. John Crichton has done all his work efficiently, and is frequently sent to London on duties that are only given to the most trustworthy of the Staff. The contussion on the ball of his toe Mr. Crichton suffered from at the capture of Secunderabagh he has sometimes spoken to me about laughingly, although it was a bad and painful hurt.

Mr. Crichton has told me that at the capture of Bithoor in December 1857 during the Indian Mutiny, an amusing incident occurred, while the Rebels were being cleared out of Nana Sahib's Palace. Adjutant McBean entered a room having another door leading INTO a passage and he at once made for it, Corporal Crichton rushed to the same door FROM the passage; each man thinking that the man on the other side of the door was a rebel, struggled to force it open. When the door gave way under their efforts, McBean and Crichton lunged out at one another, but luckily, no harm was done; on recognizing one another, they had a good laugh, and set off again on their rebel hunt.

Mr. Crichton relates the following amusing incident, also; he says "On the 4th of June 1857, in compliance with special orders from H. M. Queen Victoria, the 93rd Highlanders proceeded to the victualling yard, Gosport, where they received the Queen on her landing from the Isle of Wight.

"Her Majesty was accompanied by Prince Albert, the Princess Royal, and other members of the Royal Family.

"After a roval salute from the 93rd, Her Majesty walked down the line, minutely inspecting every man. The Regiment then marched past the Queen in slow and quick time, I being Adjutant's Aide, carried a small flag stuck in my rifle, and was ordered to take up a position as a saluting point close to where the Queen was standing on the platform of the pavilion. While standing there one of the Princes, I think the Duke of Connaught, came forward and caught hold of my kilt, and swung himself round to look in my face, I turned my head round to see who was pulling and observed Her Majesty and Prince Albert smiling at what was taking place.

"One of the Ladies in waiting came forward, loosened the young Prince's hold, and led him away."

This far off memory of Mr. Crichton's early soldier days is of interest now—the great Queen and Her Consort

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have passed away, but the Duke of Connaught now serves his country as one of the leaders of the Army.

Considering the campaigns Mr. Crichton has served in, his health and appearance are wonderfully good. Long may his well known fine erect figure pass to and fro on his daily duties. W. INNES.

Ninety-Third Calendar for December, 1906.

1 S.
2 S. March Sialkote to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Karnal.
3 M. All detachments in Cholera Camp rejoined headquarters at Hattee, near Cambellpore, 1862.
4 Tu.
5 W. Defeat of the Gwalior Contingent at Cawnpore, 1857.
6 Th. Hattee for Sialkote, 1862.
7 F. Pursuit of the rebels on Bithor Road by Sir Hope Grant, 1857.
8 S. Rebels dispersed at Serai Ghat, 1857. Joined force of Sir N. Chamberlain in camp at the Umbeyla Pass, 1863.
9 S. Lieut.-General Edward Parkinson, C.B, Colonel, 1852. March to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Delhi. Lieut.-General Sir Henry William Stisted, K.C.B., died Colonel, 1875.
10 M. Lieut.-General Freeman Murray, Colonel 1875, Disaster to the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, 1899; Lieutenant Colonel J. L. J. Goff and Major Sidney Robinson, formerly 93rd, killed at the head of the Ninety-first. Poona manœuvres 1905 commenced.
11 Tu. Martini-Henry rifles issued, 1874.
12 W. Tochi Campaign. Return of Maizar Column to Boya, 1897.
13 Th. Arrived detachments, Barbadoes, 1823.
14 F. Left Wing, Shahjahanpur, for Bareilly, 1898. Lord Kitchener's Efficiency test 1904. Battalion (strength 786 all ranks) marched to Maranji.
15 S.
16 S. Arrived Barbadoes, 1823. Returned from Efficiency test, 1904.
17 M.
18 Tu. Poona Manœuvres 1905 ended.
19 W. Lieut.-Colonel S. Leith-Hay, C.B., retired 1860. Left-Wing arrived Bareilly from Shahjahanpur, 1898.
20 Th. Arrived Barbadoes, 1823. Robert Lockhart Ross, C.B., Colonel, 1860.
21 F.
22 S. Bivouac near New Orleans, attacked in force by Americans, who were repulsed, 1814.
23 S. 2nd Battalion, 93rd, disbanded, Sunderland, 1815.
24 M. Disembarked at Karachi from England 1891.
25 Tu. Lieut.-Colonel H. Milling retired, 1822 (never joined). Hon. Sir Charles Gordon, Kt., to command, 1822.
26 W. Jhansi for Cawnpore *en route* to England, 1861, strength, 21 officers, 449 N.C.O's and men.
27 Th. First unsuccessful attack on New Orleans, 1814; New Pattern bayonet issued, 1877, 4½ inches longer than formerly.
28 F. March to Jhansi, 1866; arrived Agra.
29 S. Arrived Sialkote from Cholera Camp, Peshawar, 1865 This cholera epidemic resulted in 93 deaths.
30 S. Shooting Shield won by "E" Company, 1904.
31 M.

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant.

No. 7578, Lce.-Sgt. M. Murdoch. "C" Company, dated 1st October 1906.

To be Corporals.

No. 5079, Corporal D. McGillivray, "G" Coy. antedated to 16th July.

No. 7950, L.-Cpl. H. Hutchinson, "D" Coy. dated 1st Sept.
,, 7226, ,, J. Downs, "C" ,, ,, 1st Oct.
,, 7422, ,, R. Swan, "B" ,, ,, 18th ,,

APPOINTMENTS.

To be paid Lance Sergeants.

No. 5963, Cpl. M. Inglis. "F" Coy. } dated
,, 5620, ,, F. Ellis, "C" ,, } 5th October.
,, 6811, ,, W. Murray, "G" ,, 1st ,,
,, 5868, ,, J. Gilmour, "G" ,, 18th ,,

To be Provisional Lance Sergeant.

No. 4571, Cpl. J. Hiddles, "E" Coy. dated 10th Oct.

To be Provisional Lance Corporals.

No. 7916, Pte. J. McMath, "G" Coy. dated 6th Oct.
,, 8010, ,, W. McQueen, "D" ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 9078, ,, G. Dryden, "G" ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 10069, ,, C. Lightwood, "F" ,, ,, 8th ,,
,, 9487, ,, J. McDonald, "F" ,, ,, 13th ,,
,, 6829, ,, D. Cameron, } "A" ,, ,, 15th ,,
,, 9225, ,, T. Guthrie, }
,, 9930, ,, J. Brennan, "C" ,, ,, 16th ,,
,, 7760, ,, C. McKim, "C" ,, ,, 27th ,,
,, 5762, ,, J. McEachern, "F" ,, ,, 30th ,,
,, 7897, ,, F. Fletcher, "B" ,, ,, 30th ,,

To be Drummers

No. 7840, Pte D. McIntosh, "E" Coy. dated 13th Oct.
,, 7720, ,, W. Harris, "G" ,, ,, 19th ,,

To be Regimental Signallers.

No. 7203, Pte. J. Robertson, "A" Coy. 10th October.
,, 7720, ,, J. Cassidy, "H" ,, 19th ,,

To be Bandsman.

No. 9927, Boy H. Smith, "G" Coy., dated 6th Sept.

To be Provost Sergeant.

No. 6098, Sergeant T. Young, "A" Company.

To be Assistant Regimental Instructor in Signalling.

No. 4571, Lce.-Sgt. J. Hiddles, "E" Coy.

To be Junior Asst. Regtl. Instructor in Signalling.

No. 5117, Lce.-Cpl. S. McVea, "C" Coy.

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To be Temporary Lance-Corporal while employed as Assistant Instructor in Gymnastics.

No. 7294, Pte. T. Hempseed, "F" Coy.

To be Acting Piper.

No. 8157, Pte. L. Planner, "F" Coy.

To be Acting Drummer.

No. 9536, Pte. R. McCready, "G" Coy.

To be Battalion Chiropodist.

No. 9105, Pte. J. Cameron, "G" Coy.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance Corporals.

No. 6338, Lce.-Cpl. W. Balfour, "F" Coy. antedated to 16th July.

No. 6449, Lce.-Cpl. G. W. Yeo, "C" Coy. antedated to 6th August.

No. 6663, Lce.-Cpl. C. Dunne, "C" Coy. antedated to 27th August.

No. 6424, L.-Cpl. J. Cowan, "E" Coy. from 1st Oct.
,, 6029, ,, W. McIntyre, "H" ,, ,, 5th ,,
,, 7667, ,, J. McLuckie, "C" ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 6397, ,, J. Wright, "E" ,, ,, 18th ,,
,, 4949, ,, J. Chalmers, "E" ,, ,, 19th ,,
,, 6879, ,, D. Clark, "G" ,, ,, 19th ,,

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND INCREASED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

No. 6990, Private H. Leinster, "B" Company.
,, 7500, L.-Cpl. A. Ballantyne, "B" ,,
,, 8137, Private R. English, "B" ,,
,, 7160, ,, G. Bell, "C" ,,
,, 9452, ,, R. Watson, "D" ,,
,, 7803, ,, A. Drennan, "D" ,,
,, 7651, ,, J. Stephenson, "D" ,,
,, 8157, ,, L. Planner, "F" ,,
,, 7657, ,, T. Stewart, "G" ,,
,, 8028, ,, G. McPherson, "G" ,,
,, 8135, ,, G. Thomson, "G" ,,
,, 9630, Lce.-Cpl. H. Palmer, "H" ,,

Class I at Sixpence.

No. 7124, Private G. White, "A" ,,
,, 8909, Dr. W. McLean, "A" ,,
,, 8357, Private D. Forrest. "A" ,,
,, 9263, ,, D. Williams, "D" ,,
,, 5205, ,, J. Cross, "D" ,,
,, 9571, ,, J. Craig, "G" ,,
,, 7730, ,, T. Lawson, "G" ,,
,, 6528, ,, P. Keenan, "G" ,,
,, 9721, ,, S. Thomson, "G" ,,
,, 9520, ,, W. Hay, "H" ,,

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted three Good Conduct Badges.

No. 5420, Private H. C. Thacker, "E" Company.

Granted two Good Conduct Badges.

No. 6511, Private A. Lamie, "A" Company.
,, 8031, ,, J. Hughes, "B" ,,
,, 5475, ,, J. Scott, "B" ,,
,, 8057, ,, J. Wright, "C" ,,
,, 7001, ,, T. Donohue, "F" ,,
,, 7657, ,, T. Stewart, "G" ,,
,, 8135, ,, G. Thomson, "G" ,,
,, 7464, ,, J. Paul, "G" ,,
,, 7530, ,, A. Kerr, "E" ,,

Granted one good Conduct Badge.

No. 6531, Private R. Jamieson, "A" Company.
,, 9498, ,, A. Smith, "C" ,,
No. 8084, Private H. McMillan, "C" ,,
,, 6777, ,, J. McGlasson, "D" ,,
,, 6847, ,, W. Campbell, "E" ,,
,, 7160, ,, H. McDonald, "F" ,,
,, 9532, ,, J. McRae, "F" ,,
,, 2553, ,, D. McKenna, "G" ,,
,, 9518, ,, T. Campbell, "G" ,,
,, 9477, ,, A. Flowers, "G" ,,
,, 9503, ,, W. McKenzie, "G" ,,
,, 6724, ,, T. McDonald, "H" ,,
,, 8974, ,, W. Will, "H" ,,
,, 9038, ,, J. Fulton, "E" ,,

RE-ENGAGEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.

No. 6145, O. R. Sergt. A. McDonald, "C" Company.
,, 5842, Sergeant A. Glass, "A" ,,
,, 5374, ,, C. Phemister, "F" ,,
,, 6088, ,, R. Milne, "G" ,,
,, 6098, ,, T. Young, "A" ,,
,, 6182, ,, A. D. Watt, "C" ,,
,, 5676, ,, T. Scott, "C" ,,

Extended to complete 12 years' service.

No. 7571, Sergeant J. Balfour, "B" Company.
,, 7578, ,, M. Murdoch, "F" ,,
,, 7438, Lce.-Sergt. J. W. Galbraith, "D" ,,
,, 7192, Corporal C. Campbell, "H" ,,
,, 7950, ,, H. J. Hutchinson, "C" ,,

Extended to complete 7 years' service.

No. 9263, Private D. Williams, "D" Company.

INTER-COMPANY TRANSFERS.

No. 7578, Sergeant M. Murdoch, "C" to "F" Coy.
,, 7950, Corporal H. Hutchinson, "D" to "C" ,,
,, 7422, ,, R. Swan, "B" to "D" ,,

ESTABLISHMENT.

TAKEN ON.

Pte. W. Armstrong, transfer from 1st Seaforth Hrs. to "A" Coy.
,, D. Scott, ,, ,, 2nd K.O.S.B to "E" Coy.
,, J. Purves, ,, ,, 2nd Royal Scots, to "D" Coy.
,, J. Lothian, ,, ,, 2nd Gordon Highs. to "B" Coy.

Reservist A. Jolliffe, from Army Reserve to "G" ,,

No. 628, Armourer Q.M.S. J. Fisher, with wife and children, having joined are attached to "H" Company from 1st October.

STRUCK OFF.

On posting to Permanent Staff, 3rd A. & S. Hrs.

No. 5772, Sergeant R. White, "F" Company.
,, 2425, ,, A. McInnes, "D" ,,

On posting to Permanent Staff, 4th A. & S. Hrs.

No. 8195, Lce.-Corpl. J. Laird, "B" Company.

To 2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders (Unattached List.)

No. 8200, Corporal G. D. McIntosh, "D" Company.
,, 5164, Lce.-Cpl. C Lewington, "E" ,,

To 1st Bn. Seaforth Highlanders (Unattached List.)

No. 5853, Lce.-Cpl. J. Brown, "G" Company.

To 2nd Bn. Connaught Rangers.

No. 9908, Private W. R. Faulds, "G" Company.

To 2nd Bn. East Lancashire Regiment.

No. 9063, Private W. Stewart, "G" Company.

To 10th Hussars.

No. 6664, Private E. Dunne, "E" Company.

Discharged on Completion of 12 years' Service.

No. 5202, Pte. W. Coyle, "D" Coy., dated 19th Sept.
,, 5229, ,, W. Saunders, "C" ,, ,, ,,

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Embarked for England in H. T. "Assaye," 5th October.

FOR DISCHARGE, TIME-EXPIRED,

"A" Company.

No. 5168 Pte. R. McCallum. | No. 5221 Pte. J. Drain.
No. 5189 Pte. H. Allan.

"B" Company.

No. 5107 Pte. E. McMenemy.

"D" Company.

No. 5112 Pte. H. Crawford. | No. 5194 Pte. H. Brown.

"E" Company.

No. 5110 Pte. J. Greig. | No. 5118 Pte. D. McLean.

"F" Company.

No. 5135 Pte. H. Turnbull.

"G" Company.

No. 5269 Pte. J. Skene.

"H" Company.

No. 5160 Pte. D. Perston.

FOR TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

"B" Company.

No. 6543 Pte. J. Murray. | No. 9345 Pte. A. McEwan.
No. 9058 Pte. J. Hughes. | No. 7089 Pte. D. Stewart.

"C" Company.

No. 9041 Pte. A. Weir. | No. 9297 Pte. W. Breslin.
No. 9527 Pte T. Dunlop.

"D" Company.

No. 9271 Pte. C. McGartland. | No. 9333 Pte. J. Mullen.

"E" Company.

No. 6271 Pte. A. Elder. | No. 6809 Pte. D. Morrison.
No. 6484 Pte. J. Bradley. | No. 9265 Pte. J. McBarron.
No. 6768 Pte. J. Peebles. | No. 8907 Pte. J. Fraser.
No. 7010 Pte. J. Robertson.

"F" Company.

No. 9288 Pte. J. Nelson. | No. 9289 Pte. J. McFadden.
No. 6732 Pte. J. Brown.

"G" Company.

No. 6420 Pte. T. Foster. | No. 6485 Pte. M. Nicholson.
No. 4842 Pte. J. Marshall. | No. 9270 Pte. W. Nicholson.
No. 7106 Pte J. Douglas.

"H" Company.

No. 9291 Pte. D. Tait. | No. 6977 Pte. C. McPherson.

FOR TRANSFER TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

"A" Company.

No. 6926 Pte. T. Thomson. | No. 9403 Pte. D. McFarlane.
No. 9429 Pte. A. Dicker. | No. 9453 Pte. J. Clarke.
No. 6992 Pte. P. Moran.

"B" Company.

No. 6812 Pte. T. Caldwell. | No. 8855 Pte. R. Stark.
No. 6421 Pte. C. Gallacher. | No. 8871 Pte. J. Woods.
No. 6958 Pte. A. Leitch. | No. 9040 Pte. D. Stirrat.
No. 6913 Pte. J. Gowans. | No. 6983 Pte. J. Cameron.
No. 6959 Pte. J. Patterson. | No. 6986 Pte. R. Anderson.

"C" Company.

No. 6875 Pte. J. Donaldson. | No. 9428 Pte. C. Stirling.
No. 6885 Pte. J. Stevenson. | No. 9430 Pte. J. Sharp.
No. 9365 Pte. J. Holmes. | No. 9461 Pte. D. Campbell.
No. 9377 Pte. T. Lacy. | No. 9476 Pte. J. McIntyre.
No. 9383 Pte. C. Dunne. | No. 8899 Pte. D. Borderick.
No. 6968 Pte. J. Higgins.

"D" Company.

No. 6648 Pte. J. McPhee. | No. 9462 Pte. J. Menzies.
No. 9384 Pte. L. McArthur. | No. 6973 Pte. A. Watson.
No. 6976 Pte. J. Phillips.

"E" Company.

No. 6810 Pte. J. Meek. | No. 6905 Pte. C. Russell.
No. 6540 Pte. J. McKenzie. | No. 6906 Pte. N. Oribine.
No. 6902 Pte. A. McLean. | No. 9163 Pte. W. Robertson.
No. 6878 Pte. P. Scryngeour. | No. 9349 Pte. F. McDermid.
No. 9044 Pte. R. Kerr.

"F" Company.

No. 6883 Pte. J. Collins. | No. 6915 Pte. J. Cassidy.
No. 6834 Pte. J. Faichney. | No. 6930 Pte. R. Paterson.
No. 6881 Pte. D. Fraser. | No. 7526 Pte. D. McGilp.
No. 6884 Pte. P. Thomson. | No. 7573 Pte. J. Hawdon.
No. 6892 Lc.-Cpl. T. Smith. | No. 9395 Pte. J. Scambler.
No. 6942 Pte. J. Quin. | No. 9435 Pte. J. Lees.

Embarked for England in H. T. "Dongola" on 19th October.

FOR DISCHARGE—TIME EXPIRED.

No. 5333 Pte. P. Hay, "A" Coy., | No. 5373 Pte. T. May, "A" Coy.
,, 5139 ,, T. Craigan, ,, | ,, 5132 ,, Cpl. F. Wainwright "A" Coy. wife and 2 children.
,, 5486 ,, P. Struthers "B" Coy., | ,, 5402 ,, J. Watson "C" Coy.
,, 5308 ,, J. Lowe "C" ,, | ,, 5279 ,, T. Pollock "D" ,,
,, 6142 ,, W. Rastall, "D" Coy. | ,, 4218 ,, W. Scott, "D" Coy.
,, 5488 ,, A. Gillan. ,, ,, | ,, 5358 ,, D. Tosh, "E" ,,
,, 5550 Cpl. F. Risdon, "E" ,, | ,, 5454 ,, D. Ritchie, ,, ,,
,, 5363 Pte. R. McNie, "F" ,, | ,, 5438 ,, T. Brown, "F" ,,
,, 5297 ,, W. Kirkland, "G" ,, | ,, 5323 ,, H. L. Creed, "G" ,,
,, 5327 ,, R. West, ,, ,, |

FOR TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

No. 6996 Pte. A. Reid, "A" Coy. | No. 6916 Pte. J. McCourt, "A" Coy.,
7038 L.-C. J. McLachlan, ,, ,, | 6984 ,, A. Roy, "B" ,,
7061 Pte. J. McIlveen "C" ,, | 9498 ,, A. Smith, "C" ,,
6918 ,, J. McIntosh, "D" ,, | 7021 ,, J. Wardrope, "D" ,,
7059 ,, T. Edins, ,, ,, | 9494 ,, T. Dewar, ,, ,,
9499 ,, J. Agnew, ,, ,, | 9597 ,, M. Perry, ,, ,,
8159 ,, D. Houston, ,, ,, | 6896 ,, J. Sharp, "E" ,,
6997 ,, J. Anderson, "E" ,, | 7001 ,, T. Donohue, "F" ,,
7057 L.-C. D. Gibson, "F" ,, | 9502 ,, J. McLaren, ,, ,,
7014 Pte. J. Scott, "G" ,, | 7032 ,, W. McFadden, "G" ,,
9267 ,, H. Walker, ,, ,, | 8850 ,, C. Meehan, ,, ,,
9498 ,, W. McIntyre, ,, ,, | 9503 ,, W. McKenzie, ,, ,,
9518 ,, T. Campbell, ,, ,, | 6609 ,, J. Quin, "H" ,,
6724 T. McDonald, "H" ,, | 9331½ ,, R. Glover, ,, ,,

FURLOUGHS.

No. 7757, Pte. C. Stead, "G" Coy. 29-10-06 to 23-11-06.
,, 10019, ,, A. Algar, ,, ,, ,,
,, 7026, ,, J. Gibbons, ,, 21-10-06 ,, 19-12-06.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTH.

MARSHALL.—At Poona on the 4th October 1906, to the wife of Private J. Marshall, "G" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a son, *Alexander Percival.*

DEATHS.

MATHER.—At Poona Station Hospital, on the 2nd October 1906, No. 7431, Private W. Mather, "C" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

WALLACE.—At Poona Station Hospital, on the 8th October 1906, No. 7205, Private F. Wallace, "F" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

FORREST.—At Poona Station Hospital, on the 16th October 1906, No. 9635, Private D. Forrest, "H" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

TAWSE.—At Poona Station Hospital, on the 17th October 1906, No. 5291, Lance-Sergeant Robert Tawse, "D" Company, Ninety-Third Highlanders.

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S. Sgt J. McLachlan	2	0	0

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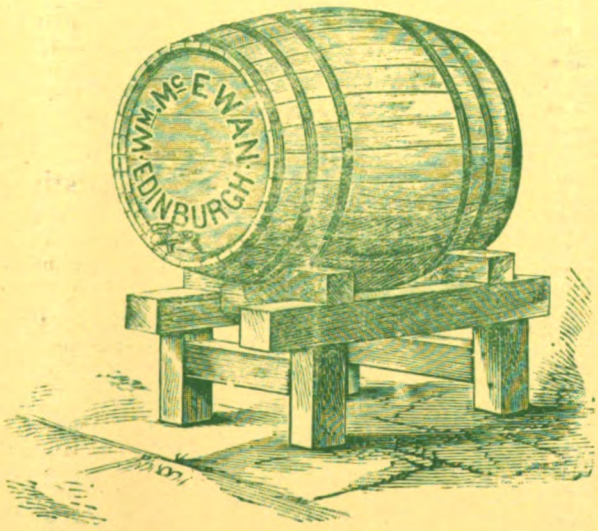

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OF THE

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SKIRLS

It was with a feeling of satisfaction that we again found ourselves back into barracks and settled down comfortably by the end of the first week in November. During our temporary absence on the maidan the whole of the bungalows had been disinfected, and as disease had almost disappeared from the Cantonment, the medical authorities considered it safe for us to resume our habitation.

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At the moment of writing plague has nearly become extinct and we have every hope that before our departure it will be stamped out. Otherwise our coming from an infected area may cause the battalion to remain in quarantine on arrival at the disembarking port in South Africa.

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The Aga Khan Hockey Tournament (an account of the Regimental team's doings appears in our columns this month), created considerable interest in the battalion. The later matches were well attended and our team having met and defeated some of the best teams in the district it was thought their chances in the final were better than usual. However they had to acknowledge defeat to our countrymen, the Royal Scots, from Bombay, but we can assure the members of the team they have every reason to feel proud of their appearance in the competition, and had there been a longer interval between the hard won semi-final and the final the result would probably have been a different one.

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We have had our share of inspections this month, Major General Richardson, C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E., Commanding the VI (Poona) Division making his inspection of Books and Barracks on the morning of the 20th. We are glad to say that everything was found in excellent order. Our next appearance was in front of His Excellency Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief in India, on Tuesday 27th November. The Battalion, numbering 736 rank and file, paraded in Drill order, Khaki, and marched to the General Parade Ground, where punctually at 8 a.m., Lord Kitchener, accompanied by General Sir Archibald Hunter, Major General Richardson and Staff, rode up and was received with the General Salute. He then inspected the Battalion in line, and after marching past, we advanced in review order. His

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Excellency desired the battalion to be closed to Quarter column, when Lord Kitchener said that this would probably be the last time he would see this Regiment in India. During all the time it had been in this country, he was glad to say, it had shewn great efficiency both in drill and manœuvres, and this excellent record he was glad to see was also confirmed by reports of the General Officer Commanding the Division, who spoke very highly of the regiment. His one hope was that the regiment would keep up its old traditions and maintain the same efficiency wherever it went, and he trusted he would have them under his command again. This concluded the parade. Colonel Paterson commanded the battalion, the other officers present being Major A. F. Mackenzie, Captains Campbell, Marshall, Maclean and McCandlish, Lieuts. Thomson, Kennedy (Adjt), Herbert, Sandeman, Fenzi, Forbes, Kennedy, James, Maclaine, and Porteous, the two latter carrying the Colours.

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Captains Marshall and Glasfurd rejoined the battalion during the month, the former from Naini Tal and the latter from leave at home. Lieutenant and Adjutant J. Kennedy has been granted leave for one year, and consequently will not proceed with us to South Africa.

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All the companies of the battalion have now been exercised in musketry, the Band and Signallers only now remaining. On another page we give the different averages up to date, and from them it will be seen that "A" Company maintain their shooting reputation.

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A considerable amount of work was got through by the different parties concerned on the occasion of the Valuation Committee's Board on the Arms and Equipment of the Battalion prior to their being taken over by the Imperial Government. We understand that a similar board will be assembled on our arrival in South Africa.

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A regimental Boxing Tournament is being arranged to take place during December, and though our Sergeant Major is experiencing difficulty in arranging the contests, we understand the entries in the different events are sufficient to secure a good meeting.

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The Membership Cards of both Glasgow and Edinburgh branches of the Regimental Association have reached the battalion representative, and by this time should be in the different member's hands.

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The 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment held a successful boxing Tournament a few weeks ago, and among the fights were two contests between representatives from the Ninety Third and the East Lancashires. Lce.-Corpl. Mulholland won his fight in the first round.

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A team of N.C.O's. and men under Colour Sergeant Ogg journeyed to Meerut for the rifle meeting there. We understand that although not securing "first" they all secured a fair share of the prizes.

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The following interesting item is taken from a leading Scots weekly :—

GOLDEN WEDDING IN DUNDEE.—On Saturday last, at their home at 21 Kincardine Street, Mr. and Mrs Duncan McIntosh were entertained to tea by their children and grandchildren, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of their wedding, which took place at London on 6th October 1855. The old couple, who are still hale and hearty, have had nine children, five of whom are alive, while there are also 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, the latter residing in Australia. Mr. McIntosh, who joined the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders when quite a young lad, is one of the few Crimean veterans residing in this District. He enlisted on 14th January 1852, and, after serving for 22 years and rising to the rank of sergeant, he was discharged on 14th May 1874, since when he has been employed in Dundee, until a few months ago, when he retired. His regimental number was 2722. As a soldier Mr. McIntosh saw a good deal of active service. He was present at the seige and capture of Sebastopol, for which he holds the medal and clasp, while he also took part in the Kertch and Yenikale expeditions. Besides his Crimean medal, he is the proud possessor of the Turkish decoration, and he still takes a lively interest in the welfare and doings of his old regiment.

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At the recent examination of Candidates for First Class Certificates of Education the following N.C.O's. and men of the Battalion proved successful :—

No. 5645, Sergeant H. Bracken, "H" Company.
„ 6569, „ D. McCallum, "B" „
„ 3880, „ J. Douglas, "G" „
„ 6811, Lce.-Sergt. W. Murray, "G" „
„ 9199, Lce.-Cpl. A. Maun, "A" „
„ 9302, Drummer V. R. Campbell, "H" Coy.
„ 8232, Private H. Todd, "C" Company.
„ 9585, „ J. Henderson, "C" Company
„ 9362, Bandsman W. Blythe, "E" „

The following passed in Groups I and II respectively :—

No. 9186, Lce.-Cpl. W. McKilligan, "G" Coy., Group I.

No. 4841, Col.-Sergt. J. Ogg, "D" Company, Group II.

In congratulating the Candidates on their success we must also add a word of thanks to Schoolmaster A. H. Tarbotton for his excellent tuition. Mr. Tarbotton is not proceeding with the Ninety Third to South Africa having been posted to the R.F.A.

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We are glad to record that, at the time of writing, Mrs. Paterson although still very weak, has so far recovered as to be out of danger, and should the favourable symptoms continue will proceed with the battalion to South Africa.

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Our photo-illustrations this month consist of (1) the Heavy and Light weight tug-of-war teams who proved so successful at the recent Assault-at-Arms, (2) the cyclists who competed in the recent Forty Mile road race (won by Private Bell) in which Lance Corporal Wright created an Indian Record; and (3) the "survivors" of the "Guthri" draft which arrived at Nowshera on 13th January 1896.

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In our next issue we hope to present our readers with an excellent reproduction of a photograph of the battalion taken while being inspected by H. E. Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief in India.

The other day an old Highland woman who had spent her lifetime in her native glen visited her daughter, who had got married a d was settled in Inverness. The daughter was ill, and the old lady was sent to the chemist for medicine. The sight of all the various bottles with their labels was quite a novelty to her and she plied the chemist with questions as to what they were each for. "Ma word," says she, "whaur I come frae, it whusky disna cure folk, the've just got tae dee."

Balaklava Celebrations.

The Sergeants' Ball.

Owing to the Battalion being engaged in manœuvres on the 25th October, the annual ball of the Sergeants' Mess was brought off on the night of Wednesday 7th November. The arrangements this year were in the hands of Colour-Sergeant Lockie, assisted by Sergeants Buchanan, Bell, Galbraith, Alder and Forrest and Drum-Major Cridland. The whole of the upper flat of the Institutes Bungalow was requisitioned for the occasion, the string band of the regiment being placed between the rooms. The approach to the bungalow was tastefully laid out with padella lights, while the front of building was illuminated with "kitson" lamps and a facade of small coloured lights. The staircase was well decorated with palms, etc., while the interior of the rooms were hung with a profusion of bunting, plaids and brooches, claymores and the silver from the Mess room. Dancing commenced punctually at 9-30 and at that hour the building was comfortably filled, Sergeant Alder performing the duties of M.C. The floor was in excellent condition and the many dancers appeared to have a first rate grip of the evening's enjoyment, the reels being sspecially appreciated. The supper tables were ranged on the verandah and formed not the least successful feature of the night's work, Sergeants Buchanan and Forrest being responsible therefor. Colonel Paterson and all the officers of the battalion in Poona were present, as also were parties from all the surrounding messes.

It is only fair to the hard working committee to characterise the gathering as one of the most succesful ever held in the regiment, and to Colour-Sergeant Lockie and his henchmen we tender our thanks for an excellently managed gathering.

Sixteenth Annual Report.

OF THE A. & S H. Association Edinburgh, Branch.

Your Royal Highness, My Lords, Gentlemen, and Comrades of the "Princess Louise Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders" Association, in presenting to you our Sixteenth Annual Report, for the year 1906, we again beg to acknowledge the confidence reposed in the Management by our Hon. Members, and we are truly grateful to them for their generous financial support. We are proud to think that they continue their sympathy with us, which we accept with the utmost gratitude. We hope all Members of the Corps will continue to rally round us, and give us their support.

We are pleased to state we have not lost any Members of the Association, either by death or otherwise, during the year.

Up to date we are sorry to state Hon. Members' contributions have not been sustained to that usually contributed. This, we think, has been an overlook, and we shall be pleased to receive the generous aid which in past years has been forwarded to us. It is only through these contributions we are able to assist our members who are out of work, or through old age are unable to work, or laid up with illness.

We are pleased to state that the Second Battalion, stationed in India, have sent the sum of £8 17s. from the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, through the influence of the Editor and Staff of "The Thin Red Line," and officially sanctioned by the Officer Commanding, who takes a great interests in this Association, as well as that of Glasgow. This represents 177 Non-Commissioned Officers and Men who are paying 1s per annum as members serving with the Colours.

A Notice Card has been placed in a conspicuous position in the Soldier's and Sailors' Home for the information of all those applying for membership, etc., and Secretary's address.

The Executive and Members beg to thank the Lady Superintendent and the District Superintendent of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute of Nurses, Scottish Branch Edinburgh, of which H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, is President, for their kindness at all times when the services of a nurse was required.

We have to regret the death of Surgeon W. Wood, M.B.C.M., who for a number of years gave his valuable services gratuitously to our Association.

We have to thank Dr. R. R. Richardson, M.B., &c., 65 Bruntsfield Place, who, on being approached, most kindly consented to give his services as Honorary Physician to the Association.

Jas. Cooke, Vice President.
R. McDonald, Treasurer.
William Mitchell, Secretary,
26 Middle Arthur Place, Edinburgh.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

For Year ending 30th September 1906.

INCOME.

By Cash in Bank and on hand, 30th Sept. 1905,	£36	17	9
Donations from Honorary Members -	2	0	0
Contributions from Ordinary Members -	2	18	0
Do. from Men Serving, -	8	17	0
Interest from Bank, - - - - -	0	18	5
	£51	11	2

EXPENDITURE.

To Printing Reports, Cards, etc., - -	£2	13	3
Granted Members in Distress, - -	6	0	0
Postage and Stationery (Secretary) -	0	10	0½
Do. do. (Treasurer) -	0	1	6½
Committee Expenses, Meetings, etc., -	0	3	2
Cash in Bank, - - - - -	34	9	1
Do. Treasurer's hands, - -	4	4	1
Honorarium (Secretary), - - -	2	0	0
Do. (Treasurer), - - -	1	10	0
	£51	11	2

Musketry.

THE ARMY INTER-COMPANY MATCH

This competition was brought off during the month, the resulting scores being given below. The conditions were the same as the previous year, teams of eight N.C.Os. and men firing for one minute at prepared targets at 600 and 500 yards range. We hope to hear of "A" Company taking a good place in the final result.

	DISTANCE.		
Company.	600 yds.	500 yds.	Total
"A"	49	67	116
"H"	52	54	106
"E"	45	51	96
"G"	43	50	93
"C"	32	52	84
"B"	31	52	83
"F"	26	56	82
"D"	41	25	66

"B" COMPANY'S ANNUAL COURSE.

Exexcised by Captain A. J. Campbell in good weather the company has considerably improved on their last year's performance.

The following attained marksman :—

No. 7960, Pte. V. McKenzie, (Company shot.)
No. 6126, Sergeant A. Gibb.
„ 7571, Sergt. J. W. Balfour.
No. 5289, Corporal C. Munro.
„ 2276, Corporal J. Reid.
„ 7425, Lce.-Corpl. H. Smith.
„ 7472, Dr. A. Aitchison.
„ 5410, Pte. H. Bartholomew.
„ 9410, „ D. Hattrick.
„ 7459, „ C. Hunter.
„ 7675, „ J. Miller.
„ 5182, „ T. Morrison.
„ 7342, „ J. Campbell.

No. of Marksmen, 13. 1st Class shots, 28, 2nd Class shots, 23, 3rd Class shots 7. Company average, 180.

"H" COMPANY'S ANNUAL COURSE.

Exercised by Lieutenant M. G. Sandeman concurrently with "B" Company. The following attained Marksman :—

No. 7192, Corporal C. Campbell (company shot).
No. 3006, Colr.-Sergt. J. Ewan.
„ 5219, Sergt. M. Sutherland.
„ 5645, Sergt. H. Bracken.
„ 7174, Lce.-Corpl. W. McPherson.
„ 5243, „ H. Lawrie.
„ 7703, „ D. Stirling.
„ 5733, „ J. Dawson.
„ 9302, Dr. P. Campbell.
„ 5726, Pte. W. Sibbald.
„ 7860, „ J. Berry.
„ 7495, „ G. Polson.
„ 7977, „ A. Blackley.
„ 6448, „ C. Turnbull.
„ 7743, „ R. Fleming.
„ 9520, „ W. Hay.

No. of marksman, 16, 1st Class shots, 24, 2nd Class shots, 39. 3rd Class shots, 3. Company average, 176.

CASUALS.

The following, exercised with "B" and "H" Companies, attained Marksman.

No. 5374, Sergeant C. Phemister, "F" Coy.
„ 6251, „ E. Brett, "D" Coy.

COMPANY AVERAGES TO DATE.

Company.	Average
"A"	186
"B"	180
"C"	179
"D"	176
"E"	181
"F"	179
"G"	178
"H"	176

(These figures are exclusive of Bandsmen, etc. We hope to have the complete figures for our next issue.)

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited form it.]

THAT the "shift" was appreciated.
That his hoose wis in a bonny mess.
That "*The Germkiller*" and his staff were busy.
That our hockey players had hard luck.
That the ties were played off too quickly.
That it got through the inspection a' richt.
Bit whit d'ye think o' the speech? Maybe!
That a board 's a' richt when ye'r sittin' on it.
That he was fed when he "fed" his straps,
That there will be some bonny birds in South Africa.
That it hopes ye'll ken them when ye meet them.
That it heard o' an Orderly Sergeant who went on guard mountin' wi' a cane.
That the *Bungalow* was up gettin' disinfected.
That he saw them tak' a corner kick at the hockey match.
That he wis dae'in' twa guards twice a week
That he wanted to know what company "C" Range was on.
That the time gun was put back ten minutes
Suggested pass word for the boat is "Escort."
That if you want to know ask your O. S.

The Aga Khan Hockey Tournament.

This Tournament, practically the Championship of Western India, opened on Monday 5th November with the Match between the 93rd and the Grant Medical College. During the month previous our team had gone in for practice and had met and defeated nearly all the local combinations, so that our chances in the competition looked very bright indeed. No less than nineteen teams drawn from all parts of the Western Command had entered, and as our first opponents, the Grant Medical College, were the winners of the Bombay Tournament, an exciting match was looked for. The "sawbones" team were the favourites, but the excellent combination and determined play of the Ninety Third team soon changed this.

FIRST ROUND.

Referee—Lieut. Airey.

Soon after the bully off, our team swept the ball down to the right of the Medical quarter from where it was hit into the shooting circle to Mr. Kennedy who attempted to put it through, but the goal keeper had it out in quick time, only to have it shot into goal a second later. For the next few minutes the Highlanders had it practically all their own way and playing constantly to the right wing, the Medical goal was more then once seriously threatened and had it not been for the vigilance of the Medicos goal-keeper who twice rushed out to save disaster, the Highlanders would undoubtedly have increased their score. As it was they pressed the Medicos vigorously and before another five minutes were over Mr. Kennedy shot a second goal for his side. This feat was supplemented by a corner, but in hitting into the ring, the Medicos found their opportunity and ran the ball down to the Highlanders when a false alarm was sounded. The ball whizzed into goal, but it was an off side shot. The next minute resuming from the Highlanders end the 93rd were on to the ball and getting it well within range, it was again shot clean into goal. This was the third goal to the credit of the Highlanders while the Medicos had a blank sheet with seemingly poor prospects of levelling up to their opponents. The Highlanders continued to have much the better of the game all along the line, and playing with admirable precision they soon had the ball again in dangerous proximity to the Medicos citadel. Working it into the ring a determined effort was made to get into the net. It was shot from the left, but the Medical custodian leapt to the rescue in time. The next instant, the Highlanders again forced the pace and just missed fire, the ball having brushed passed the goal post.

On changing ends the Medicos at once assumed the aggressive and running down the field, they had the ball well placed in the ring for a goal, but the Highlanders' custodian made a rush for salvation and kicked the ball clean out of danger. The Highlanders returned the compliment a minute later and for a short while the Medicos goal was seriously threatened, but despite their most determined efforts, the Medicos declined to allow them to score. At the same time the Medical were kept on pins and needles at every point and their goal-keeper had anything but a holiday. At length the Medicos found an opening, and having a clear run down the field the ball was brought on to the Highlanders half circle, but just as an attempt was made to shoot into goal the Highlanders' caretaker plunged forward and kicked it out of danger. The next minute the same thing happened at the Medical end. For the next few minutes the game was wholly in favor of the Highlanders who warmed the Medicos right and left at the latters end, but without any result. The Medical maintained a stubborn defence all the time—or rather their goal-keeper did—for his anxiety and work was almost incessant. The Medicos had three let-offs in rapid succession, but the Highlanders were not to be denied a fourth goal, and after a good deal of pressing, it was scored amid much rejoicing.

93rd Highlanders	... ...	... 4 goals.
Grant Medical College	...	... Nil.

SECOND ROUND.

POONA VOLUNTEERS AND NINETY-THIRD HIGHLANDERS.

Played on the Gymkhana ground on the 13th November, our team was the same as for the first match. Our opponents tried hard to break through our defence but this was not so easily accomplished, Mowat cleared safely when called on. Though the Poona men seemed to be keeping an eye on our forward line the latter had several good tries for goal, only luck being in our opponent's side. The final score is not a criterion of the play as our team lost several chances, taking the volunteers too easy perhaps but throughout the game our side was never in danger. On the call of time the score was 2 goals to love for us.

THIRD ROUND.

1ST BN. THE MANCHESTERS *v.* NINETY-THIRD HIGHLANDERS.

Our opponents from Secundrabad appeared in the field for the first time during the Tournament and to us their play was comparatively unknown. The match began with the visitors pressing strongly but as time went on they showed weaker form and our team had it all their own way in the second half. The Manchesters, however,

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deserve credit for their sporting spirit in having come down a long distance to take part in the tournament, and they have lost against us, they have not lost the sympathy of all who witnessed a fine game.

Crossing sticks punctually the Argylls at once got away with the ball and a minute after the start had a chance of scoring, but in making for the net, the ball went a couple of inches off the mark. A moment later stroke was given against the Manchesters, a free hit resulting just outside the Manchesters shooting ring, but the Manchesters were quick in tearing away with the ball to the opposite end. Here a short scrimmage occurred till the Highlanders drew away with the ball and getting it within range Faulds passed it on to Kennedy who shot it into the net. The ice having been broken, play went on more spiritedly. The Manchesters warmed up and worried the 93rd at the latters end, but every effort of theirs to reach the net was frustrated by the Argylls who maintained an admirable defence. The next interesting feature of the game was witnessed when the Argylls cleared away with the ball down to the Manchesters' territory and were on the verge of scoring, but the goal keeper heeled the ball out of danger. The next instant the Argylls had two corners in succession, and subsequently got the ball beautifully within range when Faulds was served with a bit of luck but in attempting to score, the shot went wide. After this the Manchesters had it all their own way for a few minutes at the Highlanders end, where time after time they endeavoured to reach the net, but failed, and then half time was piped.

The struggle was resumed five minutes later when the Manchesters bowled along and got the ball into the Argyll's circle where the Highlanders had an exceedingly anxious time. Three times is succession they seriously threatened the Argyll's position, but the danger was removed on each occasion by the Argylls who resisted the attack admirably. Five minutes later the Argylls broke away with the ball and had it up at the mouth of the Manchester's end, but it was soon worked away and brought to the opposite hemisphere where the Argylls knocked up a corner.

The subsequent proceedings were characterised by some desultory play till the Argylls warmed up and getting within range, shot a goal. Then the Manchesters did their level best to draw blood, but every effort was met by a stubborn resistance on the part of the Argylls who, however, were outwitted when the Manchesters dodging the ball to the left, worked into the shooting base and then made for the net, but the shot just missed fire. The next moment the Argylls ran the ball up to the opposite quarter and Faulds getting his chance shot it into goal. This was the third goal to the credit of the Argylls and there was no earthly possibility of the Manchesters scoring in the short time remaining for the wind up. The game accordingly ended.—

Argylls	...3 goals
Manchesters	nil.

FOURTH ROUND.

1st. Bn. The Leicester Regiment *v.* Ninety Third Highlanders.

That two good teams were down on the card to try conclusions, was evident from the good crowd on the Gymkhana ground on Saturday evening, who showed their keen enthusiasm throughout, by loudly applauding every deserving effort.

The opening stage of the game were very fast, and continued right throughout the encounter. Defending the Gymkhana end goal, the Highlanders were the first to press, but the Leicester backs cleared. With "sticks" against the former the ball visited their end and returned to midfield, from where it was again cleared with a fine run down the wing and centered. The Leicesters at this opening stage looked dangerous and the Argylls goalkeeper was called upon to save a dangerous shot which was sent in, resulting in a corner. In the hit off the play was taken to midfield where some fierce exchanges followed. Each team was now attacking in turn 'sticks and kicks' being awarded in the desperate melees that took place in both teams territories. The Ninety Third on several occasions pressed their opponents hard, but every brilliant effort of theirs was foiled through the defence of the Leicesters. It was in the last few minutes of the first interval the Argylls missed one or two chances of scoring, one of their forwards having got two clear shots in the circle but in his anxiety, clean missed the ball which was cleared to the other side for an attack in return on their goal. Some up and down play then followed and after the first half interval of an exceedingly fast game the teams turned over with a clean sheet.

On opening both teams set off at a rattling pace, playing all they knew. It was at this interval the Highlanders with renewed spurt worked magnificently together and made some splendid attacks on their opponents citadel, but the stout opposition made by the latter saved the situation and back and forward again travelled the ball. Once more the Argylls had an opportunity from some clever dribbling down the field, but here again when within a few feet of the goal posts, the same forward clean missed his shot for goal and on being cleared another hard return volley was saved which resulted in a corner. The game at this stage was very interesting and exciting, and the Argylls backed with the shouts of their supporters on the boundaries still continued a vigorous attack. All attempts to get past the Leicesters goalkeeper failed as he defended his position against stubborn attacks magnificently. The ball then had a career up and down with ten minutes left for play to close the second interval, both teams had a fairly warm time, working equally well. The last five minutes of play was the warmest period as each side worked with dogged determination to notch a goal, but after a desperate tussle, neither side failed to get any advantage. It was decided to play off an interval of five minutes each way and after a few breathing seconds the tussle was renewed when some up and down play followed, and the game ended in a draw.

Argylls	...nil.
Leicesters	...nil.

REPLAY.

On the stroke of time, Leicesters were the first to make away with the ball, but before they could get very far the Argylls were on to it and ran it up to the Leicesters' quarter where a corner was notched. The next instant the Leicesters returned the compliment, and for a few minutes after the ball had an up and down career till the Leicesters ran it down to the Argylls quarters and kept it in action there, but without seriously threatening the goal, till an opportunity arrived for the Leicesters to make for the net.

The goal-keeper perceived the danger and rushed out to kick it away. A minute later "carried" was given against the Argylls and it was a critical moment for them. The ball was in the ring a few yards from the mouth of the goal, but in striking out the Argylls got the best hit and at once cleared with the ball to the opposite end where the Leicesters had the share of excitement for a few minutes. The pressure was relieved when the Leicesters drew away with the ball to the centre and here there were series of drives across the field till the Argylls cleared down to the Leicesters circle. Kennedy nursed the ball up to the ring, and just as he was about to strike for the net, the goal-keeper launched forth and sent the ball whizzing out of danger but they continued the onslaught and were offered a splendid opportunity to raise a goal when 'sticks' was given against the Leicesters directly opposite their gaol. But what looked like a fatality for

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the Leicesters proved a misfortune for Argylls. In crossing sticks the Leicesters got away with the ball and allayed all anxiety. For the next minute or two play went on steadily and then a breather was piped.

In the second half the Argylls made a decisive attack and quickly had the ball twice within shooting range of the Leicester's goal, but in attempting to reach the net, the shots went off wide. The Argylls continued to have much the better of the game after this. Again and again they had the ball into the Leicesters shooting circle, and Faulds missed a fine chance when, in attempting to strike for goal, he skied the ball over the net. But the next moment the Argylls got the ball into the Leicesters preserve and Faulds rushing in from the centre shot it clean in. The ice was now broken and the Leicesters seemed determined to get on level terms with the Argylls. They assumed the aggressive in downright earnest and getting a clear field they drove the ball up to the Argylls end, but in attempting a long drive it flew past the posts. The Leicesters continued to press as hard as they could till the Argylls shook them off and cleared with the ball to the opposite end and Faulds again shot it into net. Shortly after the Leicesters ran away with the ball to the Argylls quarter where, on getting the ball into the ring, they made a brilliant effort to find the net, but in shooting, the ball flew over the goal. Play now went on steadily. Two minutes remained for the wind up, and during those two minutes the Leicesters were completely outplayed by the Argylls. At the finish the score stood :—

93rd Highlanders ... ... 2 goals
Leicesters ... ... nil.

FINAL.

The Royal Scots *v.* Ninety Third.

The teams were let go a few minutes after 4-45, the Scots defending the Gymkhana end while the Argylls held the opposite citadal. The Scots were the first to dribble away the ball a ong the left wing down to the Argylls territory and for a couple of minutes pressed the latter. Play was then taken to midfield while the Argylls line of forwards attempted a run but were stopped by the Scots front line who returned play to the opposite side where a corner was awarded to the Scots and a melee followed before the Argylls goal posts It was now that the latter was called upon to defend their goal and the ball being returned from midfield the Scots still pressing, the first goal was volleyed for the Scots about ten minutes of starting time, Replaying from the centre the Scots again took up their attack and the ball was kept at midfield for an interval from where the Argylls wing missed an oppor unity of clearing down to the Scots side Another opportunity offered and Kennedy with some skilful tackling managed to get down the centre but was not well supported and the ball was returned to midfield. Here a series of smart exchanges followed. Back again to the Scots territory the Argylls worked the ball and continued to press their opponents.

The pace was now fast, the Argylls doing their best to get on level terms, but the Scots were equal to the occasion and replied to the attacks. Up and down the ball travelled, each side attacking in turn till the Scots made a desperate attack on the Argylls goal and a corner followed. In the hit off the Argylls got clear down the centre field, but their run was met by the Scots forward line and returned down to the Argylls side where a series of exchanges followed and resulted in a second goal being notched a minutes before half time was piped.

On resumption of play the Scots continued to be on the aggressive and had the ball at the Argylls quarter where the affray was hot and fast till the Argylls relieved the the pressure by running down to the opposite end. Here the Scots had a pretty lively time and more than once the ball was within shooting range, Every time the Argylls attempted to find the net they were beaten back. A couple of minutes later they worked the ball into the Scots shooting sphere and had a capital opportunity to score but in attempting to shoot one of their men fell and the ball was quickly out of danger. The Argylls continued to press vigor usly and worried the Scots to a tremendous extent, but luck appeared to be dead against them. The ball was constantly in action at the Scots end, but the Scots were on the alert and with a strong set of backs, resisted every possibility of the Argylls notching a goal. This sort of thing went on till the Scots got on to the ball and full running down the field, at once knocked up their third goal and a minute later scored their fourth goal. After this, the play was entirely in favour of the Scots but three minutes before time was up, the Argyll's worked the ball up to the Scots range and knocked up a very easy goal. Nothing serious transpired after this beyond a corner for the Argylls and the game ended—

Royal Scots ....4 goals
93rd Highlanders ....1 goal

The following table shows results :—

Leicestershire Regt	bye	Leicesters	Leicesters	93rd	Royal Scots 4—1.
Parel Gymkhana		3—0	3-1	0—0	
Signallers	bye	Signallers		2—0	
E. Lancashire Regt... ..		3—0			
The 24th Regt.	bye	Manchesters W.O.			
Manchester Regt.					
Volunteers	bye		93rd		
Grant Medical College. ..	93rd	93rd	3—0		
93rd Highlanders	4—0	2—0			
Secunderabad Gym.	RFA				
R. F. A. Kirkee .. .	won	Customs			
B. O. N. Army ..	C'm	4—0	Scots	Scots	
Customs, Bombay ..	2—0		1—0	3—1	
R. I. M. Dockyard . ..	bye	R. Scots			
Royal Scots		8—0			
M. Infantry	bye	M. I.			
R. E. Kirkee		2—1	Rangers.		
Poona Gymkhana	bye	C Rangers	3—2		
Connaught Rangers		3—1			

Proficiency Pay.

As it appears that there are doubts in some of the Army commands as to the date on which soldiers now receiving service pay should relinquish it under the Army Order 231 of this year in the event of their (1) extending their colour service, (2) re-engaging, or (3) contracting to continue in the service beyond twenty-one years after September 30th last, the Army Council has intimated that it is intended that the issue of service pay should cease from the days subsequent to the expiration of (1) original period with the colours, (2) first period of limited engagement, or (3) second period of limited engagement, as the case may be ; and not from the day on which they extend, etc. Soldiers of cavalry, artillery, and infantry will, subject to the conditions of Army Order 231, commence to draw proficiency pay from the day following that upon which they cease to draw service pay.

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Obituary.

Mr. Ronald Macdonald, one of the few remaining units of the "Thin Red Line," died at his residence, 18 Kennedy Street, Glasgow, on 2nd November. He belonged to that branch of his clan which occupied Glen Garry, Inverness-shire, and after his parents came to Glasgow he enlisted in the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders. The regiment was among the first to be sent to the Crimean war, and Macdonald went through the long campaign, being present at Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol, and receving the Crimea and Turkish medals. He afterwards saw active service in India during the Mutiny, and was present both at the capture and the relief of Lucknow and at the siege of Cawnpore, and had medals for the Mutiny and North-East Frontier war. Besides the chief battle there were recorded on his "scrip" thirteen other engagements. In addition to these medals he had one for long service and good conduct. During this service he belonged to the Grenadier company. The old man was a soldier in feeling to the end, and it was his wish, if it could be so arranged, that he should have a soldier's burial. Application was made to Colonel Fell, of the Scottish Rifles, Maryhill, and he very kindly sent a squad of his regiment, with gun-carriage and escort, and both the pipe and brass regimental band. The funeral had been advertised as a public one, old comrades and friends being invited, and, the hour being four o'clock on a Saturday afternoon, a very large procession followed the remains. Large crowds of onlookers, almost stopping the car traffic, lined the streets all the way up to Sighthill Cemetery. The whole service was very impressive, especially in the dark of the evening, when the pipers having carried the body to the grave, and after it was lowered, formed round and played their final lament.

The Annual Return of the Battalion.

The Return rendered on the 1st October 1906 contains some interesting information regarding the life of the battalion for the twelve months previous.

On 1st October 1905, the strength was 2 Warrant Officers, 49 Staff Sergts. and Sergeants, 21 Drummers and Pipers and 960 Rank and File, a total of 1030, while on the date of the Return, 1st October 1906, the strength had decreased to 2 Warrant Officers, 48 Staff Sergts. and Sergeants, 21 Drummers and Pipers, 883 Rank and file, a total of 952. During the year drafts of 72, 65 and 1 joined us from the home battalion, while the number sent home for different causes was 204. The number of deaths recorded is 10, a decided increase on former years. Recruits to the number of 2 joined, and the transfers received numbered 18, while transfers given total 7.

The number of N.C.Os. and men serving who who were born in the territorial district is 240, being over 25 per cent of the total strength. Of nationalities, we can feel proud of the fact that there are 795 of us shown as "born in Scotland." In addition there are several who though born out of Scotia are the sons of Scotsmen. To continue, there are "born in England" 88, Ireland 49, Wales 2. (What price Saint David's day?) India and Colonies 17, and "Foreigners" 1. This latter individual hails from the land of the star spangled banner and rejoices in a good Scots patronymic, and if he cannot speak Gaelic he can at least play it, being a piper. Religious denominations shew the number of Presbyterians to be 729, although what proportion actually own allegiance to the "auld kirk" is not stated, the "wee frees" and "big frees" being obliged to sit together. Roman Catholics number 126, Church of England 91, Wesleyans 4, Baptists and Congregationalists 1, and "other Protestants" 1. (We are not offering a prize for the name of this last individual.)

The battalion is well off in the way of school certificates, having 28 Firsts, 235 Seconds and 395 Thirds, the number without any certificate being 264. During the year 1 First class certificate was obtained, 32 Seconds and 127 Thirds. Good conduct medals still number 2, Sergeant-Major Ditcham and Band Master Walsh having the honour of sporting them Badges, the hall mark of steadiness, are shewn as follows:—Number in possession of one, 263, Two, 291, Three, 29, Four, 4, a grand total of 587. The number re-engaged during the 12 months is 41, while 30 extended to complete 12 years service. Notwithstanding the inducements of bounties, etc., only 23 three years men "took on" for 8 or 9 years.

The overage age of the N.C.Os. and men of the Battalion works out to slightly over 26 years.

The Organisation, Composition, and Qualification of a Company of Infantry.

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To the uninitiated civilian who usually pictures the soldier as a man dressed in a red coat who has nothing else to do but strut up and down a barrack square, for an hour or so daily, performing complicated evolutions, this article may be of some interest That the modern private has lots to learn, and his officers and non-commissioned officers plenty of scope to display their aptitude in imparting instruction of a technical nature, will be obvious after a perusal of the various courses of instruction which demand a soldier's attention now-a-days.

Owing to the power of modern weapons of warfare demanding more open formations, the company has supplanted the battalion as the tactical unit of first importance. This means that the company being the largest body of men over which one man can exercise immediate control, its organisation is of the greatest importance. It is

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Poona Divisional Assault-at-Arms, 1906.

NINETY-THIRD HIGHLANDERS HEAVY AND LIGHT WEIGHT TUG-OF-WAR TEAMS.

COMPETITORS IN THE FORTY MILE ROAD RACE.

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divided into two half-companies each being commanded by a subaltern officer, the half-companies are sub-divided into sections which are commanded by Sergeants and the sections are subdivided again into squads, and the squads into groups, the squads being commanded by Corporals and Lance-Corporals and the groups by Lance-Corporals and selected privates.

The following account of the composition, etc., of Captain D. J. Glasfurd's ("E") Company of the Ninety-Third Highlanders may be taken as typical of the composition of the other seven companies of the Battalion, this company being taken, simply because it is the company to which the writer belongs and its records are therefore more familiar and accessible.

The strength of the company in August when these notes were made, exclusive of officers, was 122 of all ranks, made up as follows:—1 Quarter-Master-Sergeant, 1 Colour-Sergeant, 4 Sergeants, 1 Lance-Sergeant, 4 Corporals, 8 Lance-Corporals, 1 Piper, 2 Drummers, and 100 Privates. The "raw material" from which these 122 trained soldiers have sprang is shown in the following table of trades and occupations professed by the men on enlistment:—

7 Clerks	... 2 Grooms
2 Joiners	... 1 Coachman
1 Engineer	... 3 Carters
1 Machine Printer	... 1 Plumber
1 Jeweller	... 1 Slater
1 Cooper	...14 Miners
1 Asylum Attendant	... 9 Moulders
3 Painters	... 5 Rivetters
1 Gardener	.. 4 Fitters
1 Mason	... 2 Hammermen
1 Bricklayer	.. 4 Boatyard Labourers
3 Box-makers	... 1 Iron-Turner
1 Blacksmith	... 1 Tin-smith
3 Bakers	... 2 Sawyers
2 Grocers	... 2 Machinists
1 Butcher	... 1 Dyer
5 Tailors	... 1 Grain-miller
2 Shoemakers	... 1 Dairyman
4 Waiters	... 1 Letter-cutter
4 Farm-Servants	... 1 Distillery-worker
1 Tenter	... 1 Brewery-worker
1 Cloth-finisher	... 1 Bottle-blower
3 Factory-workers	... 1 Gas-tube-worker
1 Bleachfield-worker	... 1 Forge-worker
1 Paper-maker	.. 3 Mason's labourers
1 Pipe-maker	... 1 Chemical works labourer
1 General Labourer	.. 2 (Enlisted Boys) no previous occupation.

The Nationalities represented are:—

Scots 111, English 5, and Irish 6. That recruiting is not confined to the Territorial District is proved by the fairly wide area of birth-places claimed by the company viz:—Territorial District (Argyllshire, Stirlingshire, Dumbartonshire, Renfrewshire, Clackmannanshire) 30; Lanark, 32; Mid-Lothian, 13; Forfar, 10; Fife, 5; Perth, 3; Ayr, 3; Berwick, 2; Inverness, 2; Ross, Banff, Aberdeen, Haddington and Linlithgow; 1 each; Kent 2, Durham, Northumberland, Stafford, Cardigan, Middlesex and Bedford, 1 each; Antrim, 3, Armagh, Dublin and West-Meath, 1 each; India 2; U. S. America 1.

Several of those whose birth-place is located "over the border" are the sons of soldiers belonging to the Ninety-Third and other Highland Regiments.

Religious Denominations are represented as follows:—

Church of Scotland 98, Church of England 6, Roman Catholics 18. The various periods of service on which men of the company are serving are:—*For twenty one years* 16; *for twelve years* 29; *for nine years* 8; *for eight years* 63; *for seven years* 1, and *for three years* 5.

The average service, home and abroad, works out to 7 years and 3 days for the whole company, service in India averaging 4 years and $8\frac{1}{4}$ months. Two Non-commissioned officers of the company came out with the battalion in 1891 and have thus nearly 15 years Indian service; another 18 non-commissioned officers and men having 10 years and over Indian service to their credit. The average age, including boys, is 26 years and $3\frac{7}{5}$ months, 74 men being 25 years of age and upwards. The average height of the company including boys, is 5 ft. $6\frac{3}{5}$ inches, 55 men being 5 ft. 7 in. and upwards.

Good-conduct has been rewarded by 5 men being able to sport 3 G. C. Badges; 39 men 2 Badges; and 36 men, 1 Badge; the numbers given only including such as are entitled to wear good conduct badges, viz., Lance-Corporals, Drummers, Pipers, and Privates.

The high place on the Education List which the battalion at present occupies is shown by fact that of "E" Company alone no less than 73 N.-C. O's and men are certificated. The qualification is as follows:—

First Class Certificates	... 4
Second „ „	... 29
Third „ „	... 40

Two men in possession of 2nd class certificates have also qualified in Part I of 1st class certificate.

The musketry qualification of the company is represented by 18 marksmen, 49 first class shots, 41 second class shots, and 5 third class shots—6 men have only fired a recruits course and 3 boys have not yet fired a musketry course.

Of Instructors in the various branches of Military Education the company has a fair share, 2 N.C.O's. have qualified as Sergeant Instructors at a School of Musketry; two N.C.O's. have qualified as instructors at the School of Military Engineering. Two N.C.O's. are in possession of 1st class certificates in Gymnastics and Swordsmanship, and one private is in possession of a 2nd class certificate; one N. C. O has qualified as an instructor at the school of signalling, and 26 N.C.O's. and men hold certificates for Mounted Infantry duties.

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The various courses through which men are usually put through under Battalion arrangements are represented as follows :—

Signallers—including class under instruction	10
Scouts	14
Maxim Gun	8
Range-Finders (Mekometer)	19
Cooks—trained Regimentally	18
Stripping Arms	12
Musical Proficiency-Harmony, etc.	1
Trained at Garrison courses of Instruction :—	
Hotchkiss quick firing gun	2
Big Gun Drill	18
Cold Shoeing Horses	2
Veterinary course of instruction	1
Transport duties	3
Commissariat supply duties	1
Butchers	2
Hospital Nursing duty	3
Stretcher Bearers	10
Cooks—trained at School of Cookery	7

Instruction is also given, whenever possible, in swimming, 107 men out of the 122 comprising the company being able to swim.

In addition to the annual course of musketry, which includes range and field practices and occupies over a month in the year, an annual Gymnastic course extending over three weeks and a Field Training course which lasts about a month have to put in by every soldier. In addition to the above, Battalion and Brigade Training have to be done annually. It will thus be seen that after making allowance for occasional field days, musketry drills, etc., there is very little time wasted on Barrack-square parades.

Fifty-six N.C.O's. and men of the company have seen service in the field and hold between them 90 medals and 181 clasps, 20 medals and 20 clasps being for service on the North West Frontier of India, the remainder being for South Africa.

Although the Scottish Lowland element is much stronger in the Battalion than the Highland, accounted for by the fact that we are now shut out from the county from which the Ninety-Third took its territorial designation, the "Macs" are not yet extinct and the Battalion can still recruit representatives from most of the Highland clans. Names are a fairly reliable guide as to nationality and the following surnames borne by the N.C.O's. and men of "E" Company will probably, convey more to the reader than anything else :—

Three each—Macdonald and Robertson ; two each—Macleod, Macmaster, Macintosh, Maclean, Campbell, Fraser, Douglas, Kerr, Henderson, Miller, Wright and Stormonth ; one each—Macrae, Mackay, Macgregor Mackenzie, Macpherson, Macnair, McCune, McCurdie, Macdermid, McBaron, Cameron, Robb, Stewart, Morrison, Ferguson, Davidson, Stevenson, Ewing, Graham, Smith, Anderson, Chalmers, Riddoch, Cowan, Montgomery, Cullen, Cargill, Dawson, Clarkson, Bell, Bowles, Brown, Bunton, Birrell, Bridges, Harkness, Lockie, Inglis, Peggie, Hiddles, Blyth, Blake, Steedman, Davis, Cutler, Elder, Falconer, Fisken, Fulton, Green, Greig, Kennaway, Laird, James, Elliott, Maxwell, Melville, Mudie, Peebles, Matchet, Meek, Paton, Paxton, Oribine, Osborne, Plant, Raeburn, Phillips, Rankin, Ritchie, Russell, Scrymgeour, Sharp. Skivington, Williamson, Weir, Tosh, Dunne, Hilligan, Weller, Risdon, Lewington, Hicks, Thacker, McElroy, Bradley, McCarthy, and Reilly.

Alexander, William, James, John, Andrew, Peter, Donald, Robert, David, George, Thomas, Charles, Daniel, Archibald and Colin, are the favourite Christian names. A. L.

Divisional Cross Country Race.

A cross-country race for British troops quartered in the 6th (Poona) Division took place on Saturday afternoon 10th November, and being the first of its kind attracted a good entry. The distance was five miles and the course extended from East of Aga Khan's Palace to the corner of the race course road at Wanowrie, route being via the Cavalry Ford, Cavalry lines, the railway crossings and Victoria road.

Five teams entered, viz :

The Royal Scots, the Connaught Rangers (two teams), the East Lancashires, and the Ninety Third, the latter team being composed as follows ;

Private Wilkinson, "A" Company.
Piper Keen, " "
Private Lynch, " "
" McMahon, "B" "
Corporal Campbell, "E" "
Lce.-Corpl. Wright, "E" "
Private Anderson, "G" "
Lce.-Corpl. McPherson, "H" Company.
" Peacock, " "
Pte. Brown, "H" Company.

Waiting men: Private Kenaway, "E" Company. Piper Keen, "F" Coy., and Pte. Leinster "B" Coy.

Colonel Fitzgerald, A.A.G. acted as starter, and at 4-30 p.m. the start was made. The teams were in running kit and on drawing for places it was found our team were last to get off. However, our men ran so well that the team had the honour of securing first place, the prize being Rs 200, while Lance Corporal Wright as usual demonstrated his superiority by doing the course in the best time, viz., 27 minutes 30 seconds. The judging was by the team having the best collective time to their credit and the result worked out as follows ;

1st, Ninety Third Highlanders,	292 min.	43	secs.
2nd Connaught Rangers, A team,	296 "	50	"
3rd, " " B "	303 "	35	"
4th, Royal Scots, - -	314 "	5	"
5th, East Lancashire - -	316 "	19	"

The timing shewed an excellent contest and Major General Richardson, in presenting the prize, congratulated our team on their meritorious performance.

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Army Chefs.

(Officers will be Instructed at Army Schools of Cookery).

There was a young man in the Blues
Who was famed for his toothsome ragouts.
He'd prepare a rich meal
Out of stale orange peel,
A cat, and an old pair of shoes.

A sub, in the Guards, quite a boy,
Could cook you a cheap saveloy
So crisp and so brown
That he's now come to town
To be chef at the Hotel Savoy.

There once was a cavalry colonel
Who cooked in a way so infolonel
That the hardiest private
Could barely survive it,
So great was the anguish intolonel.

A major of note, in the Buffs,
Once said, "I like cooking these stuffs;
But the gravy (or juice),
Dear old boy, plays the deuce
With your bags and your coat and your cuffs."

A man in the Rifle Brigade
Said, "I'm no cordon bleu, I'm afraid,
I've been trying to make
A small chocolate cake,
And I can't dent it in with a spade."

An officer in the East Surrey
Much fancied himself at a curry,
But his men, I've heard said,
Sadly sighed, "Better dead!"
And threw it away in a hurry.

From "The Globe."

Health in the Tropics.

(*Continued.*)

The methods to be adopted for the avoidance of infection of malaria involve for their due understanding a description of the manner in which the mosquito acts as the carrier of the infection

Malarial fever is perhaps the most important disease of the tropics, it is widely prevalent, it causes invalids in large numbers and weakens the vital powers to such a degree that the sufferer from malaria is peculiarly liable to be attacked by other diseases. There are several forms of the disease.

The disease in its several forms is caused by a minute parasite which gains an entrance into the body and lives in the blood of the patient. The blood is made up of red and white corpuscles flauting in a clear fluid. This parasite, which was discovered by Lavian, a French physician, in 1880, attacks the corpuscles of the blood, and destroys them, and were it not for the natural resisting powers of the body which fight against the parasite and its poison, and for the fact that the parasite is affected by medical treatment, the patient would never recover. When the parasite enters the red corpuscle of the blood, it is comparatively small, but it soon undergoes change, at the expense of the red blood corpuscles, it increases in size and occupies a considerable portion of the corpuscle. It then becomes segmented or rosetted, each segment acquiring a spherical form. Finally the corpuscle breaks down, and allows the segments or spores to escape into the blood stream.

Each spore being free is ready to attack another red corpuscle, to undergo the same development, repeat the cycle, and discharge another brood into the blood stream. It is when the young spores of the parasite became free in the blood that they are open to attack. Then there may suddenly appear on the scene, and in a state of great activity, certain white corpuscles, that rush on the young brood of parasites, attack, absorb, and digest them.

A similar destruction of parasites goes on in the liver, spleen and marrow. Until a few years ago no explanation could be given as to the manner in which the parasite gained an entrance into the blood.

There were general views of its being taken into the system by the lungs from the air or by the stomach from swallowing water infected by the malarial parasite. These views have however proved to be wrong, and it remained for Sir Patrick Manson to direct investigation into the true channels by which infection is brought about. It had been noticed that when fever continued for a few days that the parasite instead of breaking up into spores, in some of the corpuscles formed a cresentic body, that this cresentic body, which seemed to be a maturer form of the parasite when removed from the blood vessel, gradually assumed a spherical form, threw out from its circumference several whip like or thread projections which wriggled actively and then became detached and free.

Sir Patrick Manson watching these changes came to the conclusion that the parasite, like others of the same class, had a further development in some other host probably an insect, and that that insect was the mosquito. The hypothesis met with a good deal of ridicule at first, but Major Ross, a medical man in the Indian Medical Service, set himself the task of the investigating the truth of Sir Patrick Manson's theory. Major Ross was soon able to show that from experiments with birds suffering from malarial fever, that mosquitoes were the intermediate host, and that Sir Patrick Manson was right in his views. Major Ross proved that when a certain kind of mosquito bit these malarial birds the mature malarial parasites contained in their blood were sucked up and swallowed, and were found in the stomach of the mosquito. There the mature forms soon underwent a change. Some threw out whip like wriggling processes, others small protuberances, and by the union of these an egg-cell was formed. This egg-cell, first assuming a worm like shape, bored its way through the stomach wall, then it changed its shape, and became round and increased much in size. After this changes were noticed to take place inside the cell, and finally countless needle shaped spores or germs were seen in the interior.

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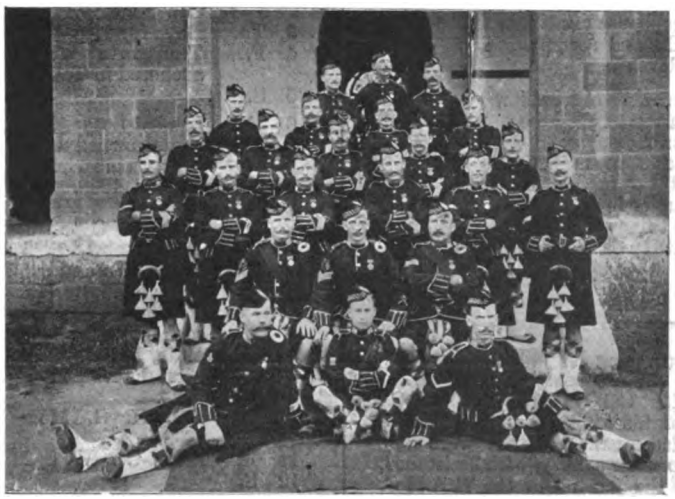
The cell, when mature, burst, and the spores escaped into the different organs of the body of the mosquito. Some of these needle-shaped spores found their way into the salivary gland of the mosquito which is connected by a duct with proboscis of the insect, and in this way were transferred to the blood of healthy birds, which were bitten by these mosquitoes. Major Ross was able to show the whole process from the beginning to the end. The process takes about eight days for all its stages in the mosquito, and he was able to give birds malarial fever by getting infected mosquitoes to bite them.

It was no long step from this complete demonstration of the part which the mosquito plays in causing the malarial fever of birds to the proof of its rôle in the production of malarial fever in man.

Grassi, an Italian naturalist, showed that among the many different kinds of mosquitoes in Italy, one kind was always found in malarial districts. This was the anopheles.

Acting on this information Bignami, an Italian physician, determined to test the effect of the bite of mosquitoes of the anopheles kind, brought from a malarious district, on a healthy man. The experiment succeeded, with the result that the anopheles infected him with the same type of malarial fever as that prevailing in the district from which the anopheles were brought.



THE "GUTHRI" DRAFT.

Further experiments by Sir Patrick Manson confirmed the matter.

It is important for measures of prevention to know what kind of mosquito this anopheles is. No other species of mosquito, of which there are many, are malaria bearing.

It is recognised by the position it assumes when it rests, and by being noiseless on the wing—it never hums.

During the life of the mosquito as a winged insect, the female feeds if she can on the blood of man, or beast, and if that blood belongs to a malarial patient with the mature forms of parasites in the red blood corpuscles, the mosquito which was healthy before becomes an infected mosquito, and in eight or ten days, when the development of the parasites within are complete, she will infect any healthy person whom she bites. It is only the female that bites, and it is only the female that can convey malarial infection, for it is in the female alone that the parasites undergo the wonderful development already described.

She seldom feeds at any other time than between sunset and sunrise.

A new born anopheles is harmless until it has fed on a malarial patient.

In a malarious district the anopheles has plenty of opportunities of becoming infected. Large numbers of the children, especially under two years of age, have parasites in their blood. This is especially the case among natives. It is because of this fact that Europeans living near native huts run the risk of being infected with malaria. The native children get infected by the anopheles that have fed on the blood of their fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, other children or visitor coming from an infected locality who has suffered from malaria due to a first infection or to relapse of their fever from a former infection and which has been brought about by chills or other causes.

Such is the history of malaria.

A patient suffering from malaria is a source of infection to all in close association with him and even to his neighbours.

Unless such a patient is protected from the bites of mosquitoes until he is well, the anopheles will suck his blood and swallow with it the parasites that it contains, and in eight or ten days inject some of them into the first person she bites.

Accordingly it is necessary in the first place to protect a patient suffering from malaria by a mosquito-net. This protects the patient from being reinfected and prevents mosquitoes becoming infected by biting him. The proof that people can live in malarious districts without contracting malaria was first demonstrated in the malarious districts of Italy. There in the most malarious parts, Professors Celli and Grassi had certain huts protected from the invasion of mosquitoes. *To be continued.*

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THE TARTAN.

When ye see a bit o' tartan
What a wheen o' things ye mind !
Hoo it stirs yer blud wi' feelings
O' a patriotic kind !
Ye can hear the pibroch skirlin',
See the kilties mairchin' fair ;
Ye can see a thousand battles,
And the bay'nets flashing bare.

Ye can mind o' deeds o' daring,
And the "thin red line" of war ;
Ye can con the names of heroes –
Proud names that warriors bore.
Ye can walk again the mountains,
Mang the heather and the fern,
Ye can hear the curlew's wailing,
Watch the proudly soaring erne.

Ye can hear the torrents rushing,
Doon a score o' Hieland glens ;
Ye can see the storm clouds rolling
On the granite-crested bens.
Ye can hear the hill-grouse calling,
Watch the shepherds tend their flocks ;
To can see the firs and rowans,
And the foxgloves 'mang the rocks.

Ye can breathe the air o' freedom,
Catch the courage of the hills ;
Ye can fancy for the moment
That it soothes a' warldly ills.
When ye see a bit o' tartan
Ye're a Hielander in mind ;
For it's wee bit things like this,
That our hairts to Scotland binds.

A. S. ALEXANDER.

A NEW AMBULANCE WAGGON.

Some few months ago Lieut Col. Hathaway, R.A.M.C., published a description of his saddle-crutch, intended for the transport of wounded cavalrymen who were able to sit their horses and keep their saddles with assistance, and the current number of the journal of the R.A.M.C. now contains an illustrated description of the ambulance waggon which Lieut.-Col. Hathaway has devised for the carriage of more seriously wounded men of the mounted branches, and which has been for some time on trial with the Mounted Infantry of the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at Poona. It is claimed that when empty the waggon can keep up with mounted troops at any pace and over any ground. The waggon has been made at the Gun Carriage Factory, Fatehgarh, and as at first designed was intended to carry two men lying down and ten sitting; provision of accommodation for the latter was however speedily discontinued as it was considered that men who could sit upright should generally be able to ride supported by the Hathaway crutch. The waggon now provides lying down accommodation for four men, in two upper and two lower berths, the stretchers being lifted straight into the supports on the waggon. The upper berth is of the height of a man's shoulder from the ground, so that the stretcher can easily be pushed in, when the driving seat is turned aside to allow the front stretcher-bearer to raise the end of the stretcher when standing on the platform in the front of the waggon. Canvas water-bags are carried under the driving-seat, and it is further suggested that detachable canvas curtains, weighing each 24 lbs., should also be carried, and which, laced on each side of the waggon and pegged to the ground on either side, will provide shelter for fourteen men. We hope it may not be long before Lieut.-Col. Hathaway's waggon is experimented with in England.

"*The Broad Arrow.*"

Ninety-Third Calendar for January, 1907.

1	Tu.	Proclamation day. Estab. reduced from 55 Sergeants, 22, drummers, 1,000 Rank and File to 45, 22 800, respectively, 1817. Colonel W. W. Knollys relinquished command, 1879. Colonel E. D. H. Macpherson of Cluny relinquished command, 1884. Right Wing, under Major J. S. Napier, arrived at Nowshera from Mian Mir, 1896. Farewell inspection by Brigadier General Egerton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Comdg Tochi F. F. at Boya, 1898.
2	W.	Cluny Macpherson of Cluny to command, 1879. Col. A. C. Nightingale to Command, 1884.
3	Th.	Boya for Miran Shah, Tochi F. F., 1898.
4	F.	Transports with Ninety-Third on board anchored in Table Bay, 1806.
5	S.	
6	S.	Landed Lospard Bay, South Africa, 1806. (35 men drowned by upsetting of a boat.) Right Wing embarked H.M.S. "*Inconstant*" for Canada, 1838.
7	M.	
8	Tu.	Defeat of Cape Dutch at Baluwe Berg by Sir David Baird, 1806 (2 men killed, 5 Officers, 53 N.C.O's and men wounded). New Orleans, 1815; 5 officers, 190 N.C.O's and men killed; 12 officers, 368 men wounded; 4 officers, 368 men missing. Embarked "*Tamar*" for Gibraltar, 1878.
9	W.	First detachment ("E" Coy.) to Fort Attock, 1896.
10	Th.	Col. H. G. Moore relinquished command, 1888.
11	F.	Lieut.-Col. W. S Mills to command, 1888.
12	S.	
13	S.	"Guthri" draft arrived Nowshera, 1896
14	M.	
15	Tu.	Severe earthquake shock felt at Nowshera and throughout Northern India, 1896.
16	W.	Centenary Games, Bareilly, 1901.
17	Th.	Disembarked Gibraltar, 1879.
18	F.	Cap of Good Hope surrendered to Force under Sir David Baird, 1806. Left Delhi for Fort William after Coronation Durbar, 1903.
19	S.	
20	S.	Re-crossed frontier to Edwardesabad (Bannu), Tochi F. F. 1898.
21	M.	
22	Tu.	Arrived Fort William, Calcutta, from Delhi, 1903.
23	W.	Left Wing embarked H.M.S. "*Pique*" for Canada, 1831.
24	Th.	
25	F.	Divisional Field, Firing Poona, 1905.
26	S.	"Tug-of-War" Shield won by "A" Co. 1898.
27	S.	Embarked Plymouth for Malta 1854.
28	M.	Left Shahjahanpur for Fort William, 1902.
29	Tu.	"*Inconstant*" arrived Halifax, NS., 1838.
30	W.	Arrived Fort William from Shahjahanpur, 1902.
31	Th.	

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To be Colour Sergeant (orderly Room Sergeant.)

No. 6148, Sergeant A. McDonald, "C" Coy. 6th Nov. 1906.

To be Sergeant.

No 6851, Lce.-Sgt. E. Brett, "C" Coy. 9th Nov. 1906.

To be Corporals.

No. 4761, Lce. Cpl. A. Bowe, "H" Coy. } Dated, 9th
,, 4531, ,, C. Armour, "A" ,, } November
,, 5117, ,, S. Mevea, "C" ,, } 1906.

PAY OF RANK.

To be paid Lance-Sergeant.
No. 5618, Cpl. A. McMaster, "D" Coy. 9th Nov. 1906.
To be paid Lance-Corporal.
No. 7500, Lce.-Cpl. A. Ballantyne "B" Coy. } Dated,
,, 7169, ,, A. McKinnon, "C" ,, } 9th Nov.
,, 8073, ,, W. Fleming, "G" ,, } 1906.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Assistant Instructor in Signalling.
No. 6603, Sergeant S. Hayward, "A" Coy. 5th Nov. 1906.
To be Acting S. and T. Sergeant.
No. 9906, Pte W. Faulds, "G" Coy. 22nd Oct. 1906.
To be provisional Lance-Corporals.
No. 5944, Pte. J. Eaglesham, } "H" Coy.
,, 5733, ,, J. Dawson, } Dated 9th Nov. 1906.
To be temporary Lance-Corporal while Hospital orderly.
No. 7423, Pte. J. Cowan, "F" Company.
To be Acting Bandsman.
No 9434, Pte. J. Allan, "D" Coy. 21st November 1906.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND INCREASED.

Class I at Sevenpence.
No. 9705, Pte. H. Truswell, "A" Coy.
,, 8179, ,, T. Campbell, ,, ,,
,, 7624, ,, J. Perrie, "C" ,,
Class I at Sixpence.
No. 9553, Pte. W. McLeod, "E" Coy.
,, 9508, Lce.-Cpl. R. Tunstall, "F" ,,
,, 9778, Pte. W. McDonald, "G" ,,
,, 10019, ,, A. Algar, "G" ,,

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Granted four G. C. Badges.
No. 4000, Lce.-Cpl. E. McConnell. "A" Coy.
Granted three G. C. Badges.
No. 10069, Lce.-Cpl. C. Lightwood, "F" Coy.
,, 4579, Pte. W. Benson, "G" ,,
Granted two G. C. Badges.
No. 7605, Pte. T. Cunnion, "A" Coy.
,, 7725, ,, J. Cullen, ,, ,,
No. 8076, Pte. W. Baillie, "A" Company,
,, 8179, ,, M. Campbell, ,,
,, 9705, ,, H. Truswell, ,, ,,
,, 8160, ,, W. McRae, "B" ,,
,, 8171, ,, S. Bell, "C" ,,
,, 7294, Lce.-Cpl. G. Hempseed, "F" Coy.
,, 8187, Pte. J. Gilmour, "G" ,,
Granted one G. C. Badge.
No. 8806, Pte, A. Bell, "A" Coy.
,, 7729, ,, W. Duncan, ,,
,, 8212, ,, W. Glynn ,, ,,
,, 7963, ,, G. McLeod, ,,
,, 7624, ,, J. Perrie, "C" ,,
,, 9263, ,, D. Williams, "D" Coy.
,, 9553, ,, W. McLeod, "E" ,,
,, 7620, ,, M. Dawson, ,, ,,
,, 9144, ,, J. Hall, "F" ,,
,, 9508, Lce.-Cpl. R. Tunstall, "F" Coy.
,, 9081, Pte. W, McCandly, "G" ,,
,, 9541, ,, J. Simpson, ,, ,,
,, 9388, ,, W. Birkmyre, "H" ,,

CERTIFICATES.

Granted Supply Certificate.
No. 7038, Lce.-Cpl. J. McLachlan, "A" Coy.
Granted Transport Certificate.
No. 6908, Pte. W. Faulds, "G" Coy.

EXTENSIONS.

To Complete 7 years with the Colours.
No. 9525, Pte. T. Hughes, "C" Coy.

PASSED PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.

CORPORAL TO SERGEANT.

No. 5685, Cpl. F. Johnston, "A" Coy.
,, 6295, Lce.-Sgt. W. Alder, "B" Cny.
,, 5170, Cpl. W. Jamieson, ,, ,,
,, 5378, ,, C. Campbell, "E" ,,
,, 6440, ,, E. McElroy ,, ,,

LANCE-CORPORAL TO CORPORAL.

No. 7696, Lce.-Cpl. W. McCorkell, "D" Coy.
,, 6009, ,, D. Birrell, "E" ,,
,, 7969, ,, G. Stewart, "B" ,,

STRENGTH.

TAKEN ON.

On transfer from 2nd K.O.S. Borderers.
Pte. W. Glendinning, posted to "G" Coy.

STRUCK OFF.

Embarked on H. T. "Plassey" on 2nd November. For transfer to Army Reserve.
No. 9288, Pte. J. Clarke, "A" Coy.
,, 9332, ,, D. McDonald, "B" ,,
Invalid.
No. 6914, Pte. R. Steadman, "A" Coy.

TRANSFERS.

INTER-COMPANY.

No. 6851, Sergeant E. Brett, "C" to "D" Coy.
,, 4761, Corporal A. Bowe, "H" to "E" ,,
,, 7811, Private G. Scott, "G" to "C" ,,
,, 9930, Drummer H. Black "E" to "G" ,,
,, 7840, ,, D. McIntosh, "G" to "E" ,,
,, 9927, B'dsman, H. Smith, "G" to "E" ,,
To 2nd Bn. Connaught Rangers.
No. 9850, Pte. H. Young, "G" Coy, 21st December.
To 2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade.
No. 9159, Pte. A. Buckley, "G" Coy. 1st Nov. 1906.

FURLOUGHS.

No. 9279, Pte. R. Ormiston, "G" Coy. 1st to 14th November 1906.
,, 5320, ,, M. Fogg, "G" Coy. 17th Nov. to 17th Jan. 07.
,, 7931, ,, A. Medley, "F" Coy, 5th to 30th Nov.
,, 7464, ,, J. Paul, "G" ,, 7th to 26th ,,
,, 7429, ,, F. Bartlett, "A" ,, 15th to 24th ,,

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Domestic Occurrences.

MARRIAGE.

KERR-WILLIAMS.—At St. Andrews, Bombay, on the 12th November 1906, the Rev. John Cameron officiating, Sergeant H. Kerr, "A" Company, Ninety Third Highlanders, to Harriet Ann Williams, Lanowli.

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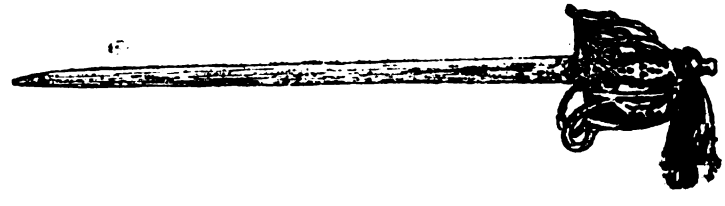

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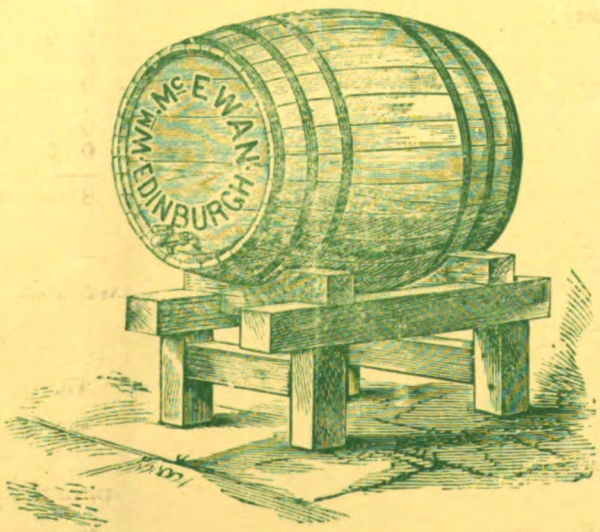

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SKIRLS

At the moment of writing (27th December) the battalion are practically on the move towards South Africa, so the Editor, in wishing his many readers the best of luck during the ensuing year, trusts that the next issue of "The Thin Yin" will appear at the proper time. Owing to the many difficulties encountered during the past few months it has been hard work to produce a paper at all, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that notwithstanding this, the support accorded to him has not decreased He takes this opportunity therefore of thanking all who have contributed, either financially or otherwise, for their support.

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The following letter has been received by Colonel Paterson from General Sir A. Gaselee, who is well known to our readers as having served in the Ninety Third:—

"*Jaipur, 20th December* 1906.

"Dear Colonel,

"I send a line to wish the old Regiment "Bon voyage—and a good time in South "Africa. With best wishes to all ranks.

Believe me, yours very truly,

Alfred Gaselee."

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Lieutenant J. Kennedy having proceeded home on one year's leave, thus ends his tour of duty as Adjutant of the Ninety Third. Those who have met Mr. Kennedy in his official capacity will agree with us in saying that he has well earned the respect of all ranks for the courtesy which he invariably afforded to everyone Lieutenant O. C. Herbert has taken over the duties of Adjutant pending the appointment being gazetted.

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The details of the battalion left behind will be attached to the 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment who are taking over Wanowrie Barracks from us. The 2nd Battalion Connaught Rangers from Ahmednagar take over Ghorpuri Barracks.

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Major A. E. J. Cavendish, has, we are sorry to learn, not yet recovered from his illness and has accordingly been granted an extension of leave till February next.

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In connection with the Boxing contests for the Championship Belts which will take place at the "Minto Fete" in Calcutta early in 1907, Captain Hyslop, 93rd Highlanders, has been appointed to take charge of all arrangements.

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The representatives of the battalion who proceeded to Meerut last month to compete at the Punjab-Bengal Meeting proved, on the whole, fairly successful. Although not in the front rank of the prize-winners, they deserve every credit for their undertaking the long journey.

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On Wednesday 5th December the battalion paraded in Drill Order on the square to witness the presentation of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to No. 628 Quarter Master Sergeant J. Fisher, Army Ordnance Corps, presently attached to the Ninety-Third as armourer. Colonel Paterson, in the absence of Major-General Richardson, made the presentation and in so doing congratulated the recipient on his meritorious service and wished him long life and service to wear the decoration.

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Prior to the departure of the regiment, Lieutenant-General Richardson, Commanding the Division, entertained our officers to dinner. We take this opportunity of offering our congratulations to Lieutenant-General Richardson on his promotion, and at the same time for the support he has accorded to the *Thin Red Line* since we came under his command.

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It having been decided to erect, in Saint Andrew's Church, a mural brass memorial and also a memorial window to those who died during our stay in Poona, Colonel Paterson has received from the Reverend J. Drummond-Gordon, Moderator of the Presbytery, the following letter,—

"*Poona*, 19*th December* 1906.

"DEAR SIR,

"I have intimated to the Kirk Session that "the Regiment proposes erecting a memorial "brass and window in Saint Andrew's Church, "and they have asked me to express their grati- "tude to you and the honour in which they will "esteem these valued gifts to the Church.

"They have also requested me to express the "pleasure and satisfaction they have had in "having this famous regiment worshipping in "the church and their great regret at its coming "departure.

I am, yours faithfully,
J. DRUMMOND-GORDON,
Moderator."

It is with pleasure we learn that Colour-Sergt. Gurney, who has been studying at the Roorkee College of Engineering, passed second on the list, being, however, first of the military students. He has been awarded a gold medal for survey and practical workshop work. We understand he now enters the ranks of the Public Works Department.

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An exceptionally successful Boxing Tournament, engineered by Captain McCandlish and Sergeant Major Ditcham, was brought off on the 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th December, and a report of the different contests will be found in our columns this month.

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We are glad to record that Colour-Sergeant James Austin, Ballifeary, formerly of the Ninety-Third, has received a communication from the War Office, announcing that his Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer on him, as a reward for long and meritorious service in the army, an annuity of £10, to date from 19th October last. Mr. Austin is a native of Inverness, and enlisted as long ago as July 1853. He served for over twenty-one years, first in the 93rd Highlanders afterwards in the 78th, and latterly in the 15th Regiment, from which he was discharged. During fourteen years of his time he was colour-sergeant. Mr. Austin served in the Crimean War and in the Indian Mutiny. He was present at the battles of Alma and Balaklava, in the expedition to Kertch, and at the siege and capture of Sebastopol; also in India at the relief of Lucknow, under Sir Colin Campbell, and in other operations, including the final capture of Lucknow in March 1858. Few soldiers have had a more distinguished career. Mr. Austin took his discharge in 1875, and has lived for many years at Ballifeary. He is still in the enjoyment of good health, and will live, we trust, for many years to enjoy this addition to his well-earned pension.

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The Rev. John Cameron, Senior Presidency Chaplain, who accompanied the Ninety-Third during the Tochi Campaign, occupied the pulpit on the special service held in commemoration of Saint Andrew's Day. In bidding farewell to the regiment Mr. Cameron concluded by saying,—

"I have chosen this subject to-day because some of my own happiest memories are associated with your regiment. It will be a further happiness to think that you are leaving India with so high a reputation and so worthy a name. Every one who knows the regiment was gratified by the words addressed to you a few days ago by the most distinguished soldier of our time; for every one who knows the regiment knows also that the Commander-in-Chief's approval was well-earned and

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that you are still fit and willing to strive for King and Country in the same way as the heroes who brought the regiment its fame.

"In speaking this word of farewell you will allow me as one who knows you and cares for you, to emphasize the lessons of our text to-day. The older a man gets he sees that the first condition of being happy and of giving happiness to others is to live a good and upright life. But when we do make mistakes, and when we are like to bring sorrow on ourselves and others, let us straightway confess our fault, and let us bless the Lord that He sends His Spirit to remind us both of our own weakness and of His infinite strength."

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The Editor has to acknowledge his indebtedness to Messrs Bennett, Coleman & Co., Proprietors of the "Times of India," for the use of the blocks illustrating the visit of the Commander-in-Chief to Poona, which appear in this issue.

Musketry.

The following attained marksman while exercised during December :—

No. 5659, Pte. A. Darwood, "C" Coy. (Best shot of Band.)
No. 6449, Lce.-Copl. G. Yeo, "C" Coy.
No. 8232, Pte. H. Todd, "C" Coy.
No. 8993, Pte. W. McIntyre, "C" Coy.
No. 7955, Pte. A. McMillan, "G" "
No. 6415, Pte. J. Caskie, "H" Coy.

Battalion Shot Competition.

This competition was brought off on Wanowrie Range on the 15th December, the conditions set by the Commanding officer being

Corporals and Privates.

(a.) 7 Rounds at 350 yards, Competitors to knock down two falling plates then proceed to 3rd Class figure target.

(b.) 7 Rounds (5 to count) at 2nd Class target 600 yards.

(c.) 7 Rounds (5 to count) at 1st Class target 700 yards.

The following are the best scores :—

	350 Plates	600 Target	700		Total.
1. Pte. McMaster, "A" Coy.	2	9	13	16	38
2. Cpl. Monro, "B" "	2	8	13	16	37
3. Cpl. Mathieson, "F" "	2	5	16	16	37
4. Pte. Bell, "C" "	2	6	14	17	37
5. Cpl. Oliver, "G" "	2	4	15	17	36
6. Lce.-Cpl. Fleming "G" Coy.	0	0	17	19	36

Sergeants.

(a.) 5 rounds at 350 yds., same conditions as above.
(b.) 7 rounds, 5 to count, at 1st class target 700 yds
(c.) 7 " " " " 900 "

The following are some of the best scores. It will be seen that Colour-Sergeant Ewan and Sergeant Brett tie in the total score.

	350 Plates	700 Target	900		Total.
1 Sgt Brett, "B" Coy.	2	4	16	19	39
2. Cr.-Sgt. Ewan, "H" "	2	2	18	19	39
3. Sgt. Bracken, "H" "	2	6	18	14	38
4. " Macdonald, "E" "	2	3	18	15	36
5. " Sutherland, "H" "	0	1	18	17	35

It was decided that Colour Sergeant Evan and Sergeant Brett should again fire under similar conditions to settle the tie, and the following is the result.

	350 Plates	Target	700	900	Total.
Cr.-Sgt. Ewan,	2	10	19	18	47
Sgt. Brett,	2	10	14	10	34

Colour-Sergeant Ewan and Private McMaster are therefore to be congratulated on winning the honourable distinctions of Battalion shots.

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"AS ITHERS SEE US."

The foll wing description of the Scotsman as he appeared at the recent St. Andrew's Dinner held at Bombay is taken from "The Maharatta," a semi-native journal. "It is not a little interesting to find him rallying round his patron saint once a year and giving a touch of polish to his patriotism after making short work with rich viands and with a brimful glass of whisky in his hand. His vocabulary is epicurean; his country is the land of cakes. Mr. Beaman good humouredly said that the Scotchman adopted Andrew as his patron saint probably because the latter went round after the miracle of the loaves and fishes and gathered up twelve basket loads that would otherwise may have gone to waste. But his inner man satisfied with food good and drenched in whiskey, see the Scotchman conjuring up his native country before his mind's eye, recalling all the great names and the great deeds connected with it, and convincing himself self-complacently that he is the best surviving specimen of Old Adam's brood. For the moment he forgets that he can speak English and affects his jaw-breaking unpronounceable dialect. The usual 'girl' becomes for the moment a 'lassie'. The St. Andrews dinnerwalla does not 'see,' he 'kens.' If he wants to say 'long legged straight backed red headed girls', he will say 'long leggit straucht backit reid heided lasses.' 'Can not' is simply 'canna'; and 'brother' must be pronounced a 'brither.' Burns has written purely English as well as Scotch poems. But only the latter will be quoted on the occasion. In short for a couple of hours Scotch patriotism is at its white heat, or we might rather say its red heat, owing to the effects of whisky; and all thought of the matter-of-fact surrounding is drowned in the temporary flood of patriotism that bathes his soul."

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Regimental Boxing Tournament.

The last of our successful and popular Boxing meetings commenced on Saturday morning 9th December, when the preliminary fights to decide who should appear in the competition to be held on the following Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays nights were brought off. Seven fights were staged and resulted as follows:—

FEATHER WEIGHTS.

Pte. Lynch,	*beat*	Pte. White.
„ McMahon,	„	„ McVicar.
„ Mackin,	„	„ Wilkinson.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Lce.-Cpl. Berry,	*beat*	Pte. Drummond.
Pte. Grady,	„	L.-Cpl. McQueen.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Pte. Orr,	*beat*	Pte. Heenan.
„ Bell, "E"	„	„ Millar.

Monday night found the excellent arena fairly well filled with an expectant audience who were treated to two hours of good honest fighting. The proceedings opened with the second round of the Light Weights and though some of the boxers were evidently too much of the novice class to satisfy the scientific longings of some of those present, still what they lacked in skill they made up for in determination The best and most skilful fight of the night was the six round contest in which Smith met Parry. Parry is an old and accomplished stager, but Smith showed that he was not much his inferior. They lasted out the six rounds in first-rate style, and when the verdict was properly given in favour of Parry, the enormous audience of enthusiasts felt it incumbent to heartily applaud Smith on the really fine stand he made. The Light Weights, or a good proportion of them, rendered a very fair account of themselves and so did most of the Heavy Weights who faced each other in the first round. The following was the order of fighting:—

LIGHT WEIGHTS—2ND ROUND

Pte. Grady vs. Pte. McVey.

Both started tooth and nail in the first round, and fought splendidly till McVey looked groggy after he had gone to the boards with a jab on the jaw. In the second round Grady punched his opponent right and left and McVey, though completely winded and floored frequently, continued to fight on with admirable pluck. In the third round, McVey bucked up and fought Grady in great style, but the two previous rounds having been unquestionably in Grady's favour, he won. The loser was well worthy of being awarded the prize of Best Loser.

Pte. Cameron vs. Pte. Kennedy.

Cameron hit out with right and left with tremendous effect, and Kennedy finding it useless to fight on under such slogging threw up the sponge.

Pte. Matchett vs. Pte. Scott.

The first round was very gingerly fought, neither men having made much of a show. In the second affairs were a bit more interesting but at the best fighting was very much "exhibition". As matter of fact it was no show of a fight at all and the Referee very properly disqualified both competitors.

Pte. Henderson vs. Lce.-Cpl. Fleming.

Fleming was the first to open fire and got in a couple of good hits which had their effect, the first round being in his favour. In the second round Henderson put on a very much pluckier front and gave Fleming all he got. The exchanges were rapid and the fight was evenly balanced. The third round saw some good fighting which was chiefly directed to each others faces, and Henderson having done all the leading he won.

Pte. McIvor vs. Pte. McKay.

From the start they went in for hard hitting in which McKay had the worst of it. He had his hands up and the victory was McIvor's.

Pte. Dunn vs. Pte. Watson.

The first round was characterized by a series of antics, and Watson having persisted in fouling, the Referee gave the battle to Dunn.

Pte. Clink vs. Pte. Connelly.

Clink took up the attack in the first round, and had much the better of it. In the second round, although Clink continued on the aggressive, Connelly defended well but was eventually winded. Both were worn down towards the end and fought almost mechanically in the third round—Clink being declared winner.

Pte. Stevens vs. Lance.-Corpl. Berry.

There was little real hard fighting in the first round, and a complete absence of determination to conquer on the part of either. In the second round Berry did most of the leading, Stevens, however, giving little chances. In the last round Berry assumed the aggressive in downright earnest and made for Stevens right and left, but the latter held out in great style, and was declared the winner.

SIX ROUND CONTEST.

Pte Smith vs. Corporal Parry.

In the first round, the fighting was pretty even, the exchanges being rapid and effective. In the second round, Parry had much the betttr of the bout. The third round was splendidly fought and it was difficult to choose between the merits of the

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two. The fourth round was about the same. In the fifth round Smith improved considerably and retrieved some of the points lost in the previous rounds. It was a splendidly fought round. In the last round they continued to fight with as much consummate skill as they did all along, and in the end Parry won. Smith well merited the applause he received at the close of a real good set to.

HEAVY WEIGHTS—1ST ROUND.

Pte. Laird vs. Lce.-Corpl. White.

Laird caught White a smack on the ribs and floored him in the first round. Laird won.

Pte. Orr vs. Pte. Miller.

Honors were easy in the first round. In the second round Orr held a slight lead having used his left with great advantage. The third round was fought more vigorously and Miller made up for lost ground by launching out with stinging effect. The round was decidedly in his favour, but as Orr had quite the best of it in the first two he was given the verdict.

Pte. Heenan vs Pte. Bell.

Heenan not having been able to enter the ring owing to injuries received in the preliminaries, Bell got a walk over.

Pte. Curran vs. Pte. Lamb.

Curran had Lamb practically at his mercy in the first round and at one moment it looked as if Lamb was likely to tumble out of the ring. The second round gave neither man the ascendancy. In the third round, they were at it grim death. Curran swung out some heavy hits, but Lamb was equal to the occasion and gave good returns. Lamb brushed up wonderfully well at this juncture, but Curran having had the best of the first two rounds, he won.

The second night of the Boxing tournament at Wanowrie on Tuesday was equally as interesting as the first, but the attendance was not so large as expected. The Light Weights rendered a very good account of themselves. The Boys put up a rattling good fight, but Corbett was too much for Hastie and soon had him at his mercy. Yet Hastie, though knocked out in the second round, fought gamely. The inter-regimental six-round contest between Pte. Graham, East Lancashires, and Pte. Shannon, 93rd Highlanders, was easily in favour of Shannon. The result was that Graham was severely knocked about in the first and second rounds. He went to the boards so frequently that it is marvellous how he managed to rise at all. Indeed, after he got a fearful smack over the mouth from Shannon just as the third round opened, he went flop on his back with such force that he was carried to his corner, and some hours elapsed ere he recovered. The Feather Weights had their second go and all of them fought well. The following was the order of fighting:—

LIGHT WEIGHTS—3RD ROUND.

Pte. Henderson vs. Pte. Cameron.

The first round was fought manfully by both, and the exchanges could not have been more effective. Henderson managed to open his guard for a hit on the nose which brought the claret, but he gave Cameron all he got. In the second round Cameron had slightly the better of a rattling good set to. In the third round, Henderson improved his position and got home all he wanted and Cameron looked somewhat played out. Henderson won.

Pte. McIvor vs. Pte. Dunn.

They resorted to slogging tactics in the first round in which McIvor had the best of the bout. In the second round McIvor continued to rush his man and hit out with right and left with tremendous effect, till from a swing over the head, Dunn was forced to give in.

Pte. Clink vs. Pte. Stevens.

They hammered away at each other with stinging effect in the first round, and it was difficult to decide which of the two had the better of the exchanges. In the second round Clink, who fought well all along, got his arm put out and was obliged to retire.

3-ROUND CONTEST.

Boy Hastie vs. Boy Corbett.

Corbett went for Hastie tooth and nail in the first round, and although Hastie put up a very good fight, Corbett knocked him out.

HEAVY WEIGHTS—2ND ROUND.

Pte. Laird vs. Pte. Orr.

Laird rushed Orr and punched him up against the ropes, and with a clean hit over the ribs, Orr was on his knees. He attempted to rise a second before time, but as he appeared to be hard hit the Referee discountenanced further fighting in the opening round and gave the verdict in favor of Laird.

Pte. Curran vs. Pte. Bell.

Bell held the advantage in a rather erratic round. The second round was distinguished by a tremendous amount of sledge hammering, but both accepted their punishment without flinching. In the last round both seemed completely blown, but they held out to the end and after a stubborn fight, Bell won.

SIX ROUND CONTEST.

Pte. Graham, East Lancs, vs Pte. Shannon, 93rd.

Honors were easy in the first round. In the second round Shannon floored Graham three times in rapid succession with some heavy hits, but Graham who was manifestly beaten clean just

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managed to get on to his legs on point of time. The third round opened by Shannon hitting Graham clean over the mouth and flooring him. Graham was counted out and Shannon won.

FEATHER WEIGHTS—2ND ROUND.

Pte. Thomson vs. Pte Bell.

Bell had the better of the first round, though Thompson countered well. In the second round Bell went for his man hammer and tongs and sent Thomson down three times. But Thomson was up on time and stood against overwhelming odds. The Referee however, considered it a one man's fight and stopped it, giving the verdict to Bell.

Pte. Galbraith vs. Pte. Anderson.

There was scarcely anything to choose between the merits of the two in the first round. The second round was again fought on pretty even terms, and the third round being slightly in favor of Galbraith, he won. But at the best, the bout was of an uninteresting character.

Pte. McInnes vs. Pte. Mackin.

McInnes in tackling Mackin in the first round, opened himself to be punched all over the shop. In the second round Mackin continued to swing out with right and left and got home every blow with stinging effect. The only marvel is how McInnes held out and fought so gamely despite the facial punishment he received. In the last round McInnes was again punched severely and Mackin won a real good fight at the end of which McInnes was very properly applauded for the plucky stand he made.

Pte. Lynch vs. Pte. McMahon

The first round was fought with caution and neither seemed to have had much of an advantage. The second and third rounds were of a similar description. In the end McMahon won.

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On Wednesday night the semi-finals in the different weights were concluded before a better gathering, the night's programme including two six-rounds contests.

The services of Captain Ellis, 121st Pioneers, were specially requisitioned for these contests to officiate as Referee, relieving Captain Umfreville.

The first was a regimental set to between Montgomery and Mullholland. Montgomery looked all over the winner in the first round when his style and swings made for admiration, but in the second round he became defective in his guard, and Mullholland seizing the opportunity soon polished him off. The inter-regimental fight between Duckworth of the Lancs. and Caskie of the 93rd ended in a knock-out. Duckworth shaped exceedingly well in the first round, but in the second he felt the weight of Caskie's fists and fell a victim to a stunner over the head. The following was the order of fighting :—

LIGHT WEIGHTS—SEMI-FINAL.

Pte. Grady vs. Pte. Henderson.

The first round was exceedingly well fought, both men having set steadily to work, and there was little or nothing to choose between the two. In the second round Henderson did all the leading and got every blow home. Grady had his hand disabled and he was obliged to cry off. Henderson won.

Pte. McIvor vs. Pte. Stevens.

They went for each other hammer and tongs in the first round during which Stevens had slightly the worst of the exchanges. The second round was another hard and fast set to and McIvor continued to have the best of it. But Stevens fought splendidly and never missed fire when he found an opening on McIvor's dial. The third round was fought with consummate skill, and Stevens having secured a lead, won.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.—SEMI-FINAL.

Pte. Curran vs. Pte. Orr.

Curran rushed his man from the start and had him up against the ropes where he banged him hard on the ribs, but Orr dodged away and then faced the music in downright earnest. In the second round they marked time considerably till Curran made things a bit interesting by swinging with stinging effect across Orr's head. In the last round Orr failed to climb up in points and after a steady bout Curran won.

Pte. Bell vs. Pte. Lamb.

Lamb got home in the first round and rolled in points in his favour. Bell stood his ground splendidly, but Lamb had manifestly the better of the exchanges. In the second round Lamb swung out on the heart and ribs most effectively, but Bell still stood his ground manfully, countering as often as he could get a chance. In the last round the fighting was quick and really good and in the end Lamb won Bell fought admirably and he was justly applauded at the finish.

SIX ROUND CONTEST.

Lce.-Corpl. Montgomery vs. Lce.-Corpl Mullholland.

Montgomery betrayed superior tactics in the first round, having caught Mullholland clean on the heart and ribs pretty frequently. Towards the end of the second round, Montgomery dropped with a jab on the jaw and failing to rise on point of time, the victory was Mullholland's.

THREE ROUND CONTEST.

Boy Steadman vs. Boy Prentice.

They went in for a considerable lot of quick-firing in the first round and both had an equal amount of punishment. In the second round, a

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similar exhibition was witnessed. In the third round Prentice who held the lead improved his position to a great extent and won.

SIX ROUND CONTEST.

Cpl. Duckworth, East Lancs., vs. Pte. Caskie, 93rd.

The first round was distinguished by a rattling good set to in which both men exhibited the finest endurance and skill. In the second round Caskie caught Duckworth a couple of terrific jabs over the jaw and floored him. Duckworth was unable to rise on point of time and Caskie won.

FEATHER WEIGHTS—SEMI-FINAL.

Pte. Galbraith vs. Pte. Bell.

Bell had undoubtedly the best of the first round. He banged Galbraith right and left and and got his fists home every time he launched out. In the second round Galbraith put on a very much better front and gave Bell all he got. In the third round, Bell rushed his man and punched him on every available spot. But Galbraith, in spite of the pummelling, fought on gamely. Bell won.

Pte. Mackin vs. Pte. McMahon.

Honors were easy in the first round. The second round was almost exclusively in favour of Mackin who maintained the attack and hit out with great effect. In the third round McMahon appeared winded, but he fought on though he was severely banged about by Mackin. In the end Mackin won.

Thursday's Fighting was an improvement on all that preceded it, attendance being much better than on previous nights. The following was the order of fighting.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Pte. Curran vs. Pte. Lamb

The first round was fought with extreme caution, and neither held much of an "impression." Lamb kept up a sort of attack and that was about all. In the second round both swung out occasionally with effect and Curran had the better of the exchanges. But, on the whole, neither of them put in much work. In the last round, they were at it fierce and fast. Lamb got a nasty cut over the eye, but the judges could come to no decision, and a fourth round was fought. The fighting now was very much better that it ever was, and Curran having raked in the greater number of points, he won. The loser was very properly applauded.

LIGHT WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Pte. Henderson vs. Stevens.

Henderson did all the leading in the first round, got his fists home every time, and he made an attempt to reach Steven's face and heart. In the second round Stevens warmed up and assumed the aggressive, punching Henderson as hard and fast as Henderson endeavoured to pummel him. In the last round both had about an equal amount of punishment. It was a great fight all through, and Henderson having had slightly the better of it in the first two bouts, he was adjudged winner. Stevens quite merited the applause he got at the finish.

SIX ROUND CONTEST.

Pte. McLeod vs. Lce.-Corpl. Bridges.

The first round was almost in favour of McLeod while Bridges acted on the defensive. The second round was pretty evenly contested. In the third round Bridges improved wonderfully and turned the tables on McLeod by planting some hot ones on his heart and face. In the fourth round the deliveries were rapid and effective, both having used their fists on each other to the greatest advantage. The fifth round was characterized similarly, the countering being admirable. The last round was fought spiritedly and with conspicuous science, and Bridges won in the end by a very slender margin. It was a capital honest fight from beginning to end, and we should like to see the pair meet again in a longer contest.

3 ROUND CONTEST.

Boy Campbell vs. Boy Smith.

Smith opened and continued the innings by swinging on to Campbell's ribs almost incessantly, but Campbell held his ground without flinching in the first round In the second round Campbell attacked Smith vigorously and pummelled him right and left. The third round was fought in great style, and Smith being much heavier and having slightly the better of it, he won.

TEN ROUND CONTEST.

Pte. Reilly, 93rd, vs. Pte. McCartney, Connaught Rangers.

They went for each other for all they were worth in the first round, banging away with all their might. The second round saw a similar exhibition, but Reilly improved matters by rushing McCartney and banging him right and left. In the third round McCartney persisted in clinching in spite of the Referee's frequent warnings McCartney made the fight intolerable and the Referee had no option but to order the men to their corners and to disqualify McCartney. It is a matter for regret that McCartney, after coming so far, should have adopted such objectionable tactics.

FEATHER WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Pte. Bell vs. Pte. Mackin

They went in for a tremendous amount of slogging in the first round in which Bell got the worst of it. In the second round Bell went to the boards three times, but he was up in time on every occasion and fought as only a hero could do. In the last round, Bell was floored again with a

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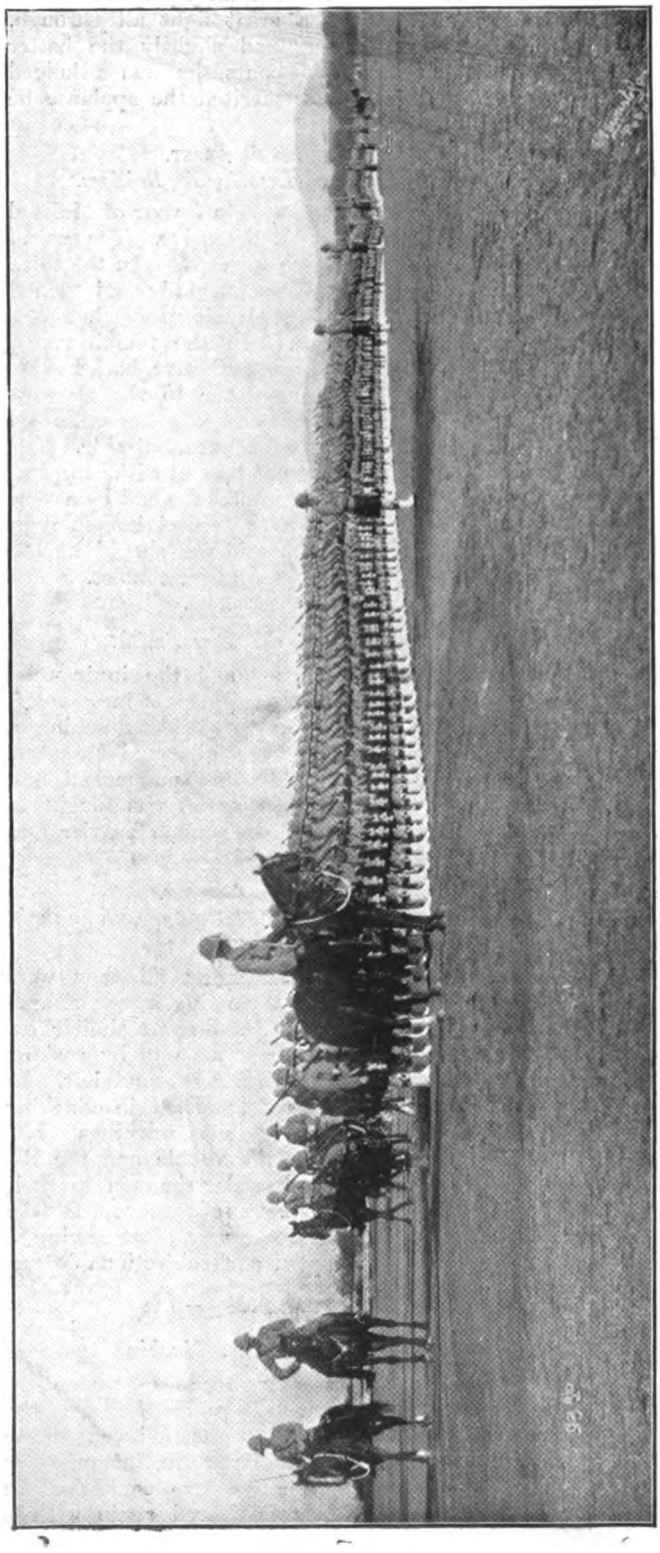

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(Lord Kitchener.)

thundering jab on the jaw, but he was just regaining his legs when he was counted out. Mackin won.

SIX-ROUND CONTEST.

Pte. Evans, Royal Scots, vs. Pte. Cameron, 93rd.

In the first round, Evans caught Cameron a stinger under the jaw and levelled him. But Cameron was up in a second. In the second round Evans, who was superior all over, made for a knock-out and soon had his opportunity.

HEAVY WEIGHTS—FINAL.

Pte. Laird vs. Pte. Bell.

In the first round, which was more of a nursery order than anything else, Laird managed to catch Bell in the ribs and finished him, Bell possibly being done up after fighting in two classes.

This concluded the meeting and Colonel Paterson then introduced Major-General Richardson who had kindly consented to distribute the awards. Before doing so, the General addressed the regiment briefly. He said he had always taken an interest in the regimental tournaments and he was glad to be there that night. He congratulated the 93rd on the success of their tournament and upon the good temper and sporting spirit shown by the contestants. The regiment will be missed at the tournament in April, but he hoped they would maintain the some characterestics as they had done in Poona, the same sporting spirit and good behaviour.

Thus closed our last tournament in India and we can have nothing but congratulations for those who gave their time and trouble towards the entertainment, We refer to Captain McCandlish and Sergeant-Major Ditcham, and also to that inimitable master of ceremonies, SergeantMarkey. We were sorry that Captain McCandlish was unable to be present towards the end owing to indisposition. While it is a pity that the receipts were not more considering the deserving cause the profits were to go to, viz: for the benefit of Mrs. Duff, mother of our late Drum-Major, still the fact

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that the battalion is so much under strength accounted for the diminution. To Captain Umfreville, the well known superintendent of the Central Gymnasium, and Lieutenants Haggard and Carlisle, we tender the thanks of the audience for their unquestioned decisions; while to Mr. H. J. Illesley of Messrs. Marcks & Company thanks are also due for the discharge of the onerous duty of timekeeper.

The following are the complete results of the fights:—

FEATHER WEIGHTS.

1st Pte. Mackin
2nd Pte. Bell.
Best Loser, Pte. Galbraith.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

1st Pte. Henderson.
2nd Pte. Stevens.
Best Loser, Pte. Grady.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

1st Pte. Curran.
2nd Pte. Lamb.
Best Loser, Pte. Millar.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.

1st Pte. Laird.
2nd Pte. Bell.
Best Loser, Lce.-Cpl. White.

BOYS' 3 ROUND CONTESTS.

1st Boy Corbett,
2nd „ Hastie.

1st „ Prentice,
2nd „ Steadman.

1st „ Smith,
2nd „ Campbell.

SIX ROUND CONTESTS.

1st Cpl. Parry,
2nd Pte. Smith.

1st Pte. Shannon, 93rd,
2nd „ Graham, E. Lan.

1st „ Caskie, 93rd,
2nd Cpl. Duckworth, E. Lan.

1st Lc.-Cpl. Mulholland,
2nd Lc.-Cpl. Montgomery

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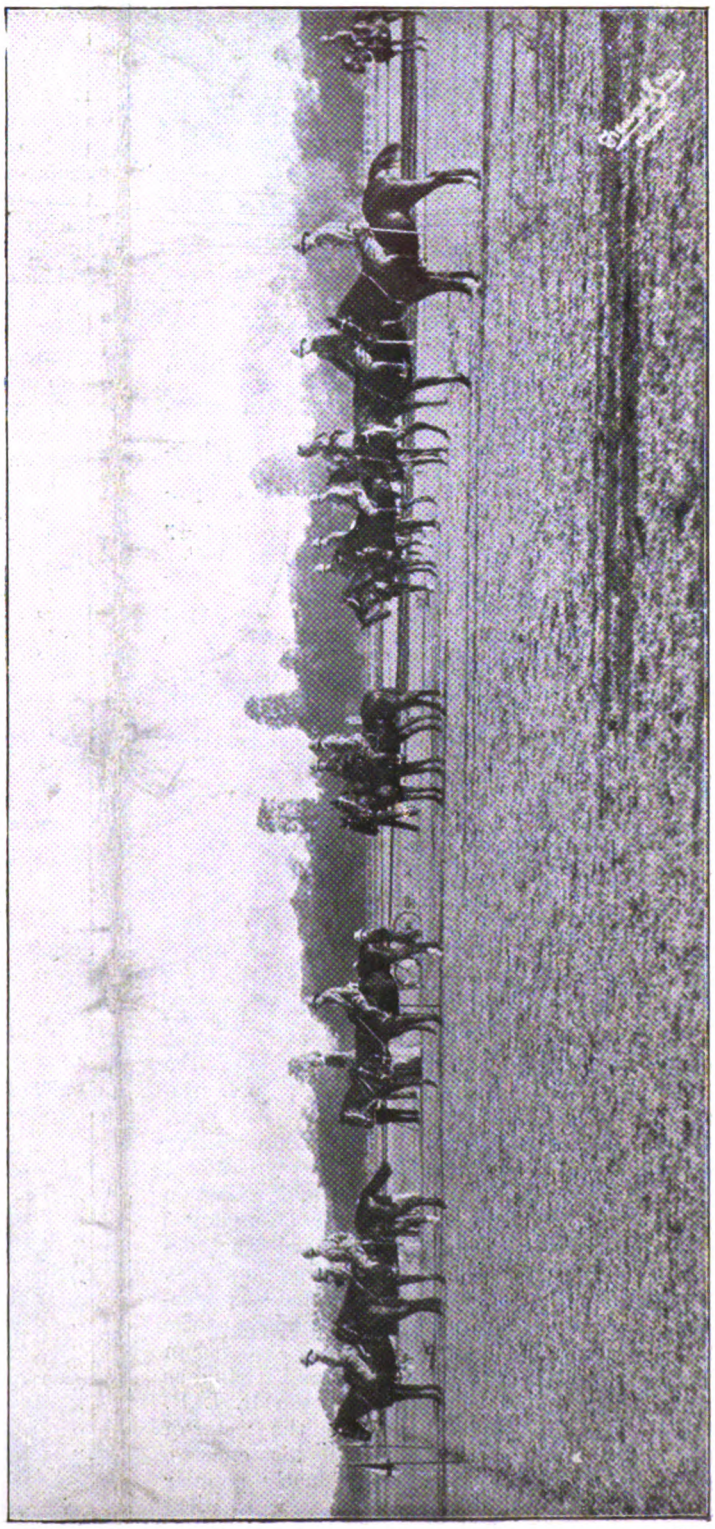

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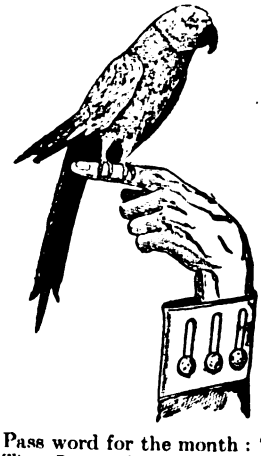
SIX ROUND CONTESTS—*contd.*

1st Pte Reilly, 93rd,
2nd Pte. McCartney, Connaughts.

1st Lc.-Cpl. Bridges,
2nd Pte. McLeod.

1st Pte. Evans, R. Scots,
2nd Pte. Cameron, 93rd.

The Parrot.



THAT he wis diggin' for holes.
That he wis a nicker on angles.
That twa successful dances in yae nicht wis'na bad.
That it was a pity they clashed.
That his dug wis a rough haired Scotch collier.
That "P. O." is getting a passage.
That he wis fair surfeited wi' gaiety. "Weel, no hauf".
That he's hoarse singing Number 511.
That he heard the string band yae day and the fiddlers the ither.
That "Tiger's" style o' boxing wis very much admired.
That the latest thing in "two steps" is the "Band and Pipes."
Pass word for the month: "Break away"
That Jimmock's gettin' a special pair o' gloves.
That it winders whaur a' the costumes cam' frae.
That he "had his old Brown hat on."
That he wis rale ta'en up wi' the Guisers.

R. A. T. A. Doings.

CONCERT AND PRESENTATION OF HONOURS.

One of the most enjoyable regimental "gaffs" took place in the Theatre on the night of the 17th December, the occasion being the presentation of honours earned during the past year. Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., whose unfailing interest in temperance matters is so well known, occupied the chair, being supported by Mr. Glossop the popular Superintendent of the Connaught Institute. The programme submitted was decidedly varied and delighted the large audience. The Banjo troupe under Private Donaldson opened the night, and in turn different members of the battalion contributed their share. Bandsman Walsh sang with excellent voice and feeling, as did also Lance-Corporal Fulton of the R. I. R. 'Lachie" Stewart, in costume, was the "star of the evening" and well merited his encores. Bandsman Fraser's songs were evidently popular and when later, as an encore, he gave a verse of a topical song on "one tree hill" the company were no doubt disappointed it was only "one verse." Lance-Corporal Fleming's clever manipulation of the flags should excuse him from further attendance at Semaphore parades. Lance-Corporal Dawson sang "Macgregors' gathering" with good taste. Private Harrison has a gift of the Scots tongue pleasant to listen to. In the interval the chairman addressed the meeting, and in a short stirring speech reminded his hearers that to indulge in intoxicants and still claim association honours was not playing the game, a sentiment to which we all agree. Mr. Glossop followed with a few excellent words on the question of intemperance. The presentation of the honours was then made and on the conclusion of the programme the meeting broke up. Sergeant Smith, the energetic secretary, and his committee are congratulated on their efforts, as also Sergeant Memmott, for his at the piano. The following is the programme:—

PART I.

Overture ...	... ...	Banjo Troupe
Song ...	... "Selected" ...	B'dsman Walsh
Dance ...	..."Highland fling"...	Piper Millar
Song ...	... "I stopped it" ...	Dr. Stewart
Indian Club Swinging ...	.. ...	Lce.-Cpl. Fleming
Song ...	... "Selected" ...	Lce.-Cpl. Fulton
Reading ..	.. "The Jackdaw" ...	Pte. Harrison
Song ...	"Strike up the Band".	B'dsman Fraser
Song	..."Macgregor's Gathering"	Lce.-Cpl. Dawson

Chairman's remarks and presentation of honours.

PART II.

Overture...	.. "The Pioneers" ...	Banjo troupe
Song ...	... ...	Dr. Stewart
Flag drill exhibition	... ...	Lce.-Cpl. Fleming
Song ...	... "Marguerite" ...	Lce.-Cpl. Dawson
Reading ...	"The Broken Bowl".	Pte. Harrison
Song ..	... "Selected" ...	B'dsman Walsh
Song (Coon)	. ...	,, Fraser

GOD SAVE THE KING EMPEROR.

LIST OF HONOURS.

Six months' Cross.

Dr. Turnbull,	Band	Boy Prentice,	Band
,, Davie,	,,	,, Hetherington,	,,
Piper Millar,	,,	,, Hastie,	,,
,, Kean A,	,,	,, Taylor,	,,
Pte. Fulton,	"A" Coy.	Pte. Peters,	"C" Coy.
,, Bell,	,,	,, Hughes,	,,
,, English,	"B" Coy.	,, Cameron,	"D" Coy.
,, Fleming,	,,	,, Petrie,	,,
,, Hattrick,	,,	,, Vogan,	,,
,, Davidson,	,,	,, Kennaway,	"E" Coy.
,, Millar,	,,	,, McLeod,	,,
,, Robertson,	,,	,, McNie,	"F" Coy.
,, Wilson,	,,	,, Hutchison,	,,
,, Drew.	"C" Coy.	,, McCurdie,	,,
,, McKechnie,	"F" Coy.	Sgt. G. McQueen,	,,
,, Lees,	,,	Pte. McDonald,	"G" Coy.
,, Wade,	,,	,, McVicar,	,,
,, McKay,	,,	,, Lawson,	,,
Lce.-Cpl. Lawrie,	"H" Coy.	,, Grant,	"H" Coy.
,, McPherson	,,	,, McCann,	,,
Pte. Scott,	,,	,, Christie,	,,

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One years' Medal.

B'dsman Allan,	Band	Pte. Glynn,	"A" Coy.
Dr. Harris,	,,	Lce.-Cpl. Stewart,	"B" Coy.
,, Doran,	,,	Pte. Smith,	,,
,, Martin,	,,	,, Donaldson,	"C" Coy.
,, Davie,	,,	,, Stewart,	"E" Coy.
Piper Aitken,	,,	,, Smith,	,,
,, McCuaig,	,,	Sergt. G. McQueen,	"F" Coy.
B'dsman Stevenson	,,	Pte. Hutchison,	,,
,, Corbett	,,	Sergt. Murdoch,	,,
,, Caldwell,	,,	Pte. Young,	"G" Coy.
,, Thorburn,	,,	,, Glendinning,	,,
,, Hunter,	,,	,, Braithwaite,	"H" Coy.
,, Smith,	,,	,, McKee,	,,
Sergt. Smith,	"H" Coy.	,, Christie,	,,

Two years' Medal.

Lce.-Sgt. Forrest,	"A" Coy.	Pte. Thomson,	"G" Coy.
Pte. Brown,	"B" Coy.	,, Downie,	"H" Coy.
,, McGlasson,	"D" ,,	,, Ingram,	,,
,, Plant,	"E" Coy.	Sergt. Smith,	,,
,, Paterson,	"G" Coy.		

Three years' Medal.

Dr. Lees,	Band	Pte. Sherlan,	"D" Coy.
Lce.-Cpl. Seath,	"A" Coy.	,, Stormonth,	"E" Coy.
Pte. Scott,	"C" Coy.	,, Pte. Downie,	"H" Coy.

Four years' Medal.

Dr. Wardrope,	Band	Pte. McMahon,	"B" Coy.
,, Aitchison,	,,	,, McRae,	,,
Lce.-Cpl. Seath,	"A" Coy.	,, Johnstone,	"C" Coy.
Pte. Stewart,	,,		

Five years' Medal.

Dr. Aitchison,	Band	Sergt. Macdonald,	"E" Coy.
B'dsman Smith,	,,	Shoe-Smith Mausley,	(attd. M. L.)

Ten years' Medal.

Sergt. Sutherland, "H" Company.

R. A. T. A. Social Meeting.

The Committee of the Association entertained the Members and married families to tea in their room on 11th December. An excellent table was laid for all, and with few exceptions all the married folks were present, while so many members turned up that one sitting was not enough. The Committee are to be congratulated on their labours being so much appreciated.

Quadrille Party.

A farewell dance was given to the members, and was held in the Connaught Institute on the night of 12th December. A very large attendance was the result of the hard working Committee's endeavours to help the members to enjoy themselves and together with an excellent floor and a well arranged programme of 26 dances a pleasant night was passed. Sergeants Smith and Galbraith acted as M. C.s, the other arrangements being in the hands of Messrs. Forrest, Downs, Maun, Cutler, Stormonth and Smith.

Death of Indian Mutiny Veteran.

Private Daniel M'Lachlan, late 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, passed away at his residence, 45 St. James Road, Glasgow, on Wednesday 14th November. Enlisted for the 92nd Gordon Highlanders in the month of January, 1856, in the spring of the following year he volunteered for service with the 93rd, they being under orders to proceed to China. On arrival of the troopship at Cape town, the Indian Mutiny having broken out, the 93rd received orders to proceed to Calcutta The deceased took part in all the operations in which the 93rd were engaged during the suppression of the Mutiny, and was in possession of the Indian Mutiny medal and clasps for relief and capture of Lucknow. He was also in possession of the medal and clasp for the North-West Frontier campaign in 1863. He was discharged to pension in 1877, and got employment with the N B. Railway Company, whom he served continuously until discharged on account of age and infirmity about three years ago. The deceased veteran was laid to his rest in Sighthill Cemetery on the Saturday afternoon.

Health in the Tropics.

(Concluded)

This was done by fixing on the windows and other openings wire gauze netting and by placing at the door a wire netting cage or corridor with double doors. The mosquitoes already inside the homes were destroyed by fumigating the rooms with burning sulphur. Quinine was also given to those persons who showed signs of a relapse from a previous attack. The results of these experiments were highly successful. Only a few out of several hundreds living in the protected houses and huts were attacked with malaria, which was in striking contrast to the inmates of neighbouring unprotected houses who were nearly all attacked. The few who were attacked appear to have not confirmed strictly to the rules, which consisted in always being indoors between sunset and sunrise, and if obliged to go out at night to wear thick gloves and veils.

The mosquito always lays its eggs on water, and the early stages of its life are spent in water. It is evident that all exposed surfaces of water round about the house are the breeding places of mosquitoes. Pools and puddles formed during the rains by excavations or uneven surface of the ground are soon full of mosquito larvæ.

If a thin film of petroleum or kerosene is spread over the surface of the water the larvæ and pupæ are unable to obtain the air they require. They get suffocated and drown.

All excavations around and near the home and depressions in which water lodges should be filled up.

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In malarious districts there is generally a season when malaria is particularly rife and which is called the malarial season. It corresponds, as a rule, with the rainy season more especially at its commencement and at its end. These are the times when the rain water which has lodged in hollows in the ground and formed pools and puddles everywhere lies there undisturbed, and stagnancy is favourable to the life of the mosquito. It is often advisable at the commencement of the rainy season and again at its termination when everything is drying up to take 15 grains of quinine on two successive days every ten days.

It would seem odd in discussing health in the tropics not to mention the terrible diseases we often see around us – Plague, Enteric Fever and Cholera– but these are not peculiar to the tropics. Plague has at times been very prevalent in Europe, but there it has been stamped out by sanitation. It continues in India because the natives and their houses are filthy, and plague is a disease of filth. Cholera in epidemic form is almost a disease of the past and the cholera camps that we know are provided for near every cantonment, are almost without a use. Wise sanitary precautions have done this.

It is much to be hoped that before long Enteric Fever will be equally amenable to the precautions taken against its spread.

Home and Depot Notes.

Captain C. A. H. Maclean, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, has been noted for employment on the staff of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

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The Argyll and Sutherland Volunteer Infantry Brigade is to go into camp at Sheriffmuir from 13th to 20th July, 1907. The site is about two and a half miles from Dunblane. Somewhere about 4000 acres of ground will be available for manœuvres.

The War Office has now agreed to the care and preservation of Stirling Castle being placed in the hands of the Office of Works. The sanction of the Treasury has yet to be obtained to the arrangement, but opposition from that quarter is not anticipated, seeing that both parties to the transference are agreed. As soon as the conveyance of the buildings to the Office of Works is officially completed it is, we understand, intended to proceed at once with their careful restoration. Messrs. J. & W. Ronald, builders, have already been employed to repoint the Old Parliament Hall. Skilled workmen will be employed, and cement will be used in the work.

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The question as to the retention of the pom-pom by the cavalry and mounted infantry is under consideration by the Army Council.

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A new system of physical training is to be introduced into the Army, and non-commissioned officers of the gymnastic staff are being selected for a course of instruction in it at Aldershot.

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It is rumoured on good authority that the Departmental Committee on Equipment, now sitting at the War Office, has decided to recommend the abolition of the bandolier, although those now in store or on service will be used up before any substantial reissue of the article which is to take its place is authorized. The precise form of the new article has not yet been settled, but the principle has been adopted that it shall not in any way bear across the chest, but that the weight shall be carried directly on the shoulders.

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The War Office have approved of the issue of four cycles for scouting and orderly purposes to each Infantry Battalion on home service.

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Official recognition has been given to a couple of sailor pipers at Portsmouth Naval Barracks. They are Scotsmen, and on enlisting brought their pipes with them. In the course of time pipe music grew so popular that the skirling lads were deputed to lead out the battalion in place of a fife band. Now, having been officially recognised, they have been fitted out in kilts of the Royal Stewart tartan, tunics of the orthodox Scottish cut, and Glengarry caps with cockades, and may be seen at the head of the bluejackets when the latter are on the march.

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A new book (A.B. 70) is prepared for Company Commanders in which such information concerning their men as will be useful for easy reference is to be entered.

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The War Office has intimated that the minimum pension to Crimean and Mutiny veterans in necessitous circumstances is 9*d*. a day, which is increased to 1*s*. a day when the veteran reaches the age of 70. Moreover, when the veterans have been wounded, or discharged for disability, or are suffering from a disability due to military service, these pensions are raised to 1*s*. 6*d*. a day for a Private, 2*s*. a day for a Corporal, and 2*s*. 6*d*. for a Sergeant.

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A marriage has just been arranged between Brevet Major Archibald Patten, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Kerrera, younger daughter of the late Alexander Dunn Pattison, Esq., of Dalmuir, Dumbartonshire, and Kilbowie, Oban, and of Mrs. Dunn Pattison, Tordroych, Bournemouth.

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The draw in the second round of the Army Cup found the Ninety First due to meet the winners of last year's tournament, viz., the Depot and District Battalion Royal Engineers. The Sappers turned out their strongest eleven and after an exciting game won by 4 goals against 2. It is perhaps a bit unfortunate that our sister battalion should be twice drawn against one of the strongest football teams in the early stages of the Cup.

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Orders of a unit are to be divided into two parts: Part I. deals with parades and other matters which do not affect a soldier's pay, service, or documents; Part II. with matters which do affect them.

The Story of 'Donald.'

Tonal' McCue McClusky
Cam' frae the frozen north,
The lan' o' peats an' whuskey,
Ayont the Clyde an' Forth.
He cam' in kilt an' sporran,
An' shepherd tartan shawl;
Pairtly tae mak' his fortune,
But maistly because o' the cauld.

He likewise cam' in a steamship,
Whit gaed on twa mill wheels
Bigger than Raal McKillop s,
Wha keepit the mill at Kiels.
He landed at eight in the mornin'
A winters morning braw:
Jist as the day wis dawnin',
Abune the Broomielaw.

On landin' he saw a placard,
"Situation in the EAST;"
An' Tonal' says "I can work hard,
Bit enough s as guid as a feast."
He daunert alang Argyll Street,
Towards the risin' sun;
Till near the end o' the Trongate,
Intil' a person run.

A person in gold an' scarlet,
An' Tonal' in wonder did look,
For he wis strappin' an weel built,
Said Tonal', "He maun be a duke."
The duke says, "Whit are ye after?
Ye hurryin', scurryin', beast."
An' Tonal' shews him the paper,
Says "Situation in the EAST."

Says the Duke "Jist wait ye a minute,
I think I'm the man ye want;
I've a job' an' I think ye could fill it,
I've nae reason tae thocht that ye can't.
A shillin' a day ye'r pay is,
As weel as ye'r feed an claes;
Tae say naithin o' travellin' expenses,
The remainder o' a' yer days.'

Thinks Tonal', "That job will jist suit me,
Sae gies a haud o' ma arles;
An' ye'll find there's nane can bate me,
Amongst a' yer strappin' carles."
Then Tonal' wis sent tae Stirling,
An' a hard hard time had he;
But at night his moustache a twirlin',
An' a wicked wee glint in his ee',

He 'd dauner awa' doon Braid Street,
Withoot a shade o' remorse;
Forgettin' the dreels he hated,
Aye, even the gymnasium horse.
Bit best o' times hae endins'
An Tonal' on furlo' went;
For men maun gang tae the Indies,
Sae duly Tonal' wis sent.

Weel Tonal' he gaed on furlo',
On the ship whit gaed on wheels;
And the first he saw when he landit
Wis Kirsty McKillop o' Kiels.

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Said she "He's looking like a lobster,
Half boiled and one half raw ;"
Bit feared that he wis lost her.
An' she feared that people saw.

For she had ta'en his fancy,
And the red coat did the trick,
So off they baith gaed tae the Indies,
The happiest pair ye'd pick.
Now this is the story or Tonal'.
I do not say that it is true ;
For moral there's none, it's written for fun,
By a chap wha's naething to do.

Ninety-Third Calendar for February 1907.

1 F. Fategarh for Cawnpore with Hope's Brigade, 1858. Left Durband, Eusofzaie, for Sialkote, 1864. (End of Umbeyla Campaign). Entrained for Secunderabad to attend Royal Review 1906. Strength 20 officers and 800 rank and file.

2 S. Arrived Bareilly from Kushalgarh, encamping on Maidan, 1898, (from Tochi Field Force.) Annual Inspection by Major-General Sir W. H. Meiklejohn, Bareilly, 1900.

3 S. Conclusion of Annual Inspection, 1900.

4 M. General William Wemyss of Wemyss *d.* Colonel, 1822. Moved into Barracks at Bareilly in Relief of Wing, Cameronians, 1898.

5 Tu.

6 W.

7 Th. Re-embarked New Orleans, preparatory to returning to England, 1815. Arrived Cawnpore with Hope's Brigade, 1858. Arrived Mian Mir from Umballa, 1894.

8 F. Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Hyslop, Bart., G.C.B., Colonel 1822. Inter-Company Cricket Tournament 1900, Clock won by "B" Coy.

9 S. Final Football League, 1897-98. Won by "F" Company. Review by T. R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, Secunderabad 1906.

10 S. Robert Dale, Lieut.-Colonel, 1814.

11 M.

12 Tu. Wing arrived Unao, escorting siege train ; Indian Mutiny Campaign, 1858.

13 W. Returned from Secunderabad 1906. Annual Inspection by Brigadier-General Sir W. H. Meiklejohn, Bareilly, 1899.

14 Th. Embarked H. M. Indian Transport "*Jumna*" Bombay 1870. Annual Inspection by Brigadier General Ellis, Nowshera, 1896.

15 F. Left Bombay for home, 1870 ; strength 22 Officers, 520 non-commissioned officers and men, 49 women, 33 children. Colonel McBean, V.C., relinquished command, 1878 ; retired with rank of Honorary Major-General. Annual Inspection Nowshera, 1896.

16 S. Establishment increased from 750 to 850 rank and file, 1852. William Wallingford Knollys, Lieut.-Colonel, 1878. Draft of 150 N.C.O's. and men left Fort William for active service with the 1st Battalion in South Africa, 1902.

17 S. Outbreak of Cholera at Fort William, six deaths, 1902.

18 M. Inter-Company Physical Drill Competition, 1899 ; won by "C" Company.

19 Tu.

20 W. Colonel Robert Spark *d.* Elgin, 1852, after 45 years' service in 93rd ; Lorenso Rothe, Lieut. Colonel. Left jungles of Oudh for Sabathu, 1859. (End of Mutiny Campaign.) Right Wing left Bareilly for Shajahanpur, 1899. Inspected by H. E. Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief, Poona, 1904.

21 Th. Head-quarters left Bareilly for Ranikhet, 1901.

22 F.

23 S.

24 S.

25 M.

26 Tu. Left Unao for final advance on Lucknow, 1858.

27 W. Embarked at Plymouth on board hired transport "*Himalaya*" for Malta *en route* for Crimea, 1854. Arrived Sialkot from Umbeyla Campaign 1868.

28 Th. Rohilkund District Assault-at-Arms, 1899. Won "Tug-of-War" and "Physical Drill." Tug-of-War Team won open Challenge Shield at Presidency meeting, Calcutta, 1903.

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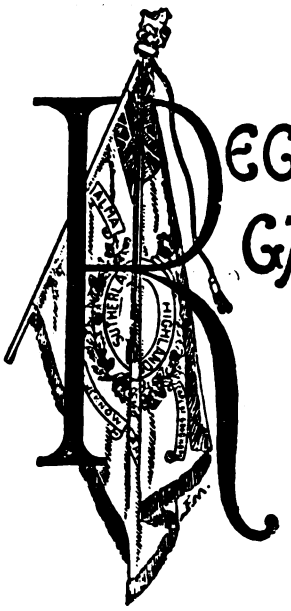

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Pay Sergeant.

No 5219, Sgt. M. Sutherland, to "A" Company, 1st December 1906.

To be Provisional Lance Corporal.

No. 7171, Pte. T. Vallance, "B" Company, dated 14th December 1906.

To be paid Lance Corporal.

No. 9175, Lce. Corpl. H. Bridges, "E" Company, dated 7th December 1906.

To be Drummer.

No. 7786, Pte. C. Shoolbread, "A" Company, date 21st November 1906.

SERVICE PAY.

GRANTED AND INCREASED.

Class I at Sevenpence

"A" Company.

No. 8212, Pte. W. Glynn. | No. 3698, Pte. F. Grant.
No. 7725, Pte. J. Cullen.

"B" Company.

No. 7801, Pte. J. George. | No. 7996, Pte. D McDougall
,, 7304, ,, W. Law. | ,, 9978, ,, W. Robinson.

"C" Company.

No. 8194, Pte. J. Fleming.

"E" Company.

No. 6437, Pte. W. Capie. | No. 9157, Pte. A. McKay.

"F" Company.

No. 6582, Pte. D. Fraser.

"G" Company.

No. 7730, Pte. T. Lawson. | No. 6187, Pte. J. Gilmour.

"H" Company.

No. 7724, Pte. R. Bond. | No. 8001, Pte. J. Morrison.

Class I at Sixpence.

No. 9224, Private T. Kerr, "B" Company.
,, 10121, ,, W. Greenfield, "F"
,, 8860, ,, R. Cunningham, "G"
,, 9306, ,, J. Millar, } "H"
,, 9744, ,, J. Thompson, }

STRENGTH.

TAKEN ON

Rejoined from 2nd Gordon Highlanders.

No. 5164, Lce. Cpl. C. Lewington, "E" Company.

STRUCK OFF.

Embarked for England on 7th December.

(a) For transfer to Army Reserve.

No. 6863, Pte. T. Gamble, "A" Company.
,, 9485, ,. J. Devine, "H" ,,

(b) Invalids.

No. 9508, Lce. Cpl. R. Tunstall, "F" Company.
,, 7567, Pte. A. Dicker, "H" ,,

(c) To Home Establishment.

No. 6746, Lce. Cpl. J. Wright, "E" Company.

Transferred to Army Reserve in India.

No. 6806, Lce. Cpl. P. Tate, "G" Company.
,, 7026, Pte. J. Gibbons, ,,

Discharged at own request after 18 years service.

No. 2981, Sergeant W. Scott, "D" Company.

Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

MEMMOTT.—At the Station Hospital, Poona, on the 15th December 1906, to the wife of Sergeant Thomas Memmott, Ninety Third Highlanders, a daughter, *Isabella Robb.*

STOBIE.—At Trimulgherry, Deccan, on the 23rd December 1906. to the wife of Staff Sergeant D. Stobie, Barrack Department, (late 93rd Highlanders) a son.

DURNAN.—At Kasauli, on 13th November 1906, to the wife of Qr. Mr. Sergeant J. Durnan, Army Signalling School, a son, *William John.*

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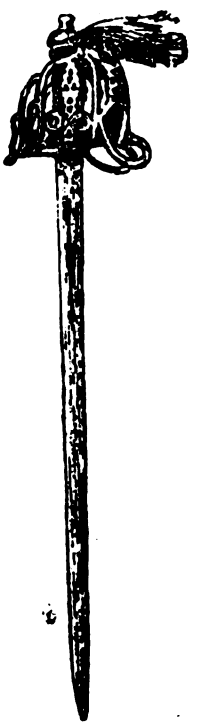

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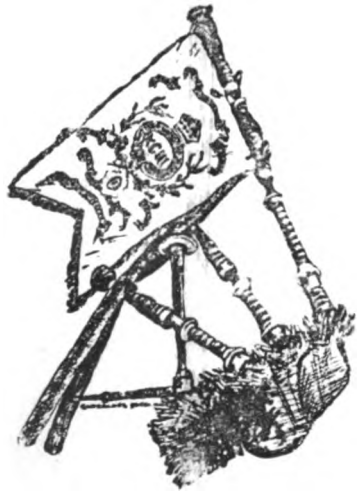

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On the evening of December 27th the advance party, composed of "C" and "E" Companies together with the married families, left Poona and on arrival at Bombay the following morning embarked at once on the hired Transport "Soudan" The Headquarters of the battalion under Colonel Paterson left Poona on the evening of the 28th and embarked the following morning. All the arrangements for moving were carried through without a hitch and by 1 p.m. on the 29th December 1906, the Ninety Third Highlanders bade farewell to India. In our columns this month we give a short account of the voyage to Durban at which place we arrived on Sunday 13th January, 1907.

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Since our arrival at Tempe everyone has had a fairly busy time but at the moment of writing matters have resumed their normal course once more. The barracks, which in reality are galvanised iron huts of a pattern identical with those occupied by the Ninety First at Longmoor, are compactly laid out, and, so long as warm, dry weather prevails, are clean and comfortable. In wet weather, however, the absence of drainage and roads makes travelling difficult and the efforts to keep one's gaiters clean are often worthy of a better cause.

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The first item of importance was the formation of "C" Company into a mounted infantry Company. As the establishment had to be completed to 150 Rank and file, all the N.C.O's. and men of the company who had been trained in Poona were retained and the difference made up by transferring trained men and volunteers from the other companies. On the 25th January the company, under Captain A. H. Maclean, Lieutenant R. R. Forbes and 2nd Lieutenant D. M. Porteous, entrained for Standerton where, on arrival, they joined the 6th Battalion Mounted Infantry. Up to date the "Thin Red Line's" representative has not sent us any news but the Editor trusts this will soon be remedied.

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Mrs. Paterson travelled with the battalion as far as Durban from which port she remained in the "Soudan" in order to continue the journey to Southampton. We are glad to know that the voyage has so far proved beneficial and trust that by this time her illness is a thing of the past.

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Among those who remained in India were Colour Sergeant Clarke, and Sergeants Scott, Bracken and McRae. Colour Sergeant Clarke goes home to England on completion of twenty-one years service, Sergeant Scott has taken his discharge to pension in order to take up a berth in India, while Sergeants McRae and Bracken have been posted to the permanent staff of our Militia battalions. Before the battalion left Poona, the members of the Sergeants' Mess met for a social evening when the opportunity was taken of presenting each of the four departing members with a token of esteem from their comrades. Sergeant Major Ditcham, occupying the chair, made the presentations, which in the case of Colour Sergeant Clarke, was a carriage clock of excellent design. Sergeant Scott received a handsome tantalus, while Sergeant Bracken and McRae were the recipients of a silver cigarette case and tobacco pouch respectively. Felicitous speeches were exchanged, and we have no doubt their absence from the mess will be regretted. At the same time there was on view a carriage clock for presentation to Colour Sergeant Wallace who left the battalion for the Indian Volunteer staff.

We understand most of our home-going details left Bombay on the 4th January , in the "Plassey."

Lieutenants J. Kennedy and L. G. Fenzi proceed home on leave, the former on concluding his appointment as Adjutant, and the latter on sick leave.

We regret to notice the resignation from the Service of Captain J. B. Gillatt, who left us some time ago to take up the Adjutancy of the Madras Volunteer Guards. Captain Gillatt, who joined the Ninety Third on the return of the battalion from the Tochi Expedition, served with the 92nd in the South African campaign where he was seriously wounded. Prior to leaving the battalion he commanded "C" Company, and we are sure all ranks are sorry at his severing his active connection with the Ninety-Third Highlanders.

Captain D. Darroch has been appointed to the Adjutantcy of the 4th (Stirling) Volunteer Battalion in succession to Captain C. A. H. Maclean whose tenure has expired. Captain and Mrs. Maclean are, we understand, on their way out to join us, and will be heartily welcomed on their return to the Ninety-Third.

Congratulations to Major H. P. Moulton-Barrett on his well-earned promotion, vice Major (Brevet-Colonel) D. Henderson who has been promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on half pay, and to retain his appointment at the War Office in that rank. Major Moulton-Barrett was at one time Adjutant of the Ninety-Third, and as an evidence of his interest in the battalion we may mention that the Physical Drill Shield, annually competed for, was presented by him.

Second Lieutenant H. de B. Purves, from the 3rd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, has been appointed to this Battalion, and should join us shortly.

Immediately on our arrival here, Major A. F. Mackenzie proceed on leave, and we learn he has since taken over command of the Regimental Depot from Major Aytoun.

The vital statistics for 1906 show that Bloemfontein is one of the healthiest towns of its size in the world. During the year there were 417 births and 122 deaths. The birth-rate works out at 34.39 per 1000 per annum, and the death-rate at 10.06 per 1000 per annum. This extremely low death-rate is the lowest on record in Bloemfontein. The deaths from enteric and infantile diseases have greatly decreased, the latter falling from 33 in 1905 to 7 in 1906. In 1904 there were 242 cases of enteric, in 1905 91 cases, and in 1906 only 53. These satisfactory results are largely accounted for by the fine new water supply and sewerage system in Bloemfontein. The rainfall for 1906 was 19.36 ins., there being 60 wet days. No rain fell during June, July, and August.

From a recent "Gazette" we are pleased to see that an old 93rd Non-commissioned Officer has been appointed to a commission as Quartermaster of the 3rd (Renfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, on his discharge to pension from Sergeant-Major of that battalion. Lieutenant Beattie served in this battalion until he gained the rank of Colour-Sergeant, when he joined the Permanent Staff of the Volunteer force. In congratulating him, we trust he may spend many years in his new position.

The Editor has to apologise for the delay in issue of the February number of "The Thin Red Line," but in the circumstances it could scarcely be otherwise. Our Indian printers had pro-

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mised to send on the January number immediately after us but it has not yet turned up We have no doubt our readers will understand the amount of labour necessary in re-starting a Magazine in a strange country, and look over the delay, as we hope to be up-to-date by another month.

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India to Africa.

After the final order fixing the exact date of our embarkation had been published and before that latter date arrived, the amount of work, sometimes apparently unnecessary, that most of us got through would astonish the average individual who has never participated in a "move". One of the first bogeys was the Equipment Board on our arms and accoutrements, and until this had been safely passed one could see men sitting up half the night cleaning and burnishing in case the dreaded eye of the 'Imperial Government" would find a spot of rust somewhere. "Alls well that ends well" however, and almost too quickly came the day of our departure. "C" and "E" Companies and the married establishment having gone on as the advance party, the remainder entrained at Ghorpuri siding on the night of the 28th December. All the local bands turned out to play us off, and at Poona station we found an immense crowd had gathered to bid us good bye. Among those present were Lieutenant-General and Mrs. Richardson, the officers of the Divisional Staff, officers of the different regiments in the garrison and a host of civilians. As the train steamed out for Bombay, ringing cheers, led by the General formed our good bye to Poona, the City of Plague and Pleasure. In a Divisional order, published on the 29th December an appreciation of the Ninety-third's services in India appeared as follows:

"After continuous service extending over "fifteen years in India, the last three years of "which have been passed in the Sixth Poona "Division, the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland High-"landers are leaving for South Africa. The Gen-"eral Officer Commanding wishes to place on re-"cord the high character which the battalion has "borne throughout their tour of Indian service "and is confident that they will maintain their "good record in their new Command. He wishes "them good-bye and good luck."

Early morning on the 29th found us in Bombay, when without delay, we were passed by the Medical Officer's critical eye and soon found ourselves on board the good ship "Soudan" The other troops on board consisted of two companies of the Welsh Regiment, also proceeding to Bloemfontein, and a small detachment of the 9th Lancers. As the messes had been arranged before leaving Poona, we quickly settled our kits down, and hurried up on deck to have a last glimpse of the gate of the East. At 1 p.m. the anchor was up and as the troopship slowly steamed out of the harbour the band on the upper deck played "Auld Lang Syne" followed by the pipers with "Scotland the brave". Soon Bombay was low down on the horizon, and by night "India's Coral strand" was a thing of the past, the regret at leaving a country where many a happy day was spent, being perhaps balanced by the looking forward to the new conditions of soldiering in South Africa.

Reveille sounded daily at 5.30 a.m. and until midday, we all found plenty of work the different routine fatigues employing the larger portion of the troops. The day was divided into six watches the first being from 8 a.m. to 12, noon; second, 12, noon to 4 p.m.; third, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; fourth, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight,; fifth, 12 midnight, to 4 a.m.; and sixth, 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. The officers for the day consisted of a Captain of the day, a subaltern of the day, and three subaltern officers of the watch.

The weather conditions having turned out excellent there was practically no sea sickness on board and when once we had settled down looked forward to a pleasant voyage. Hogmany passed and New Year's day came in on us without any of the usual celebrations peculiar to Scotsfolk being observed, and the first item of sport was a concert held on the after well deck on the night of the 3rd of January. Although the deck space of the "Soudan" is not very well adapted for large audiences, still a large number were able to attend in comfort and needless to say the 'gaff" was enjoyed by all. To the promoters, Sergeant Major Ditcham and Bandmaster Walsh we tender our hearty thanks as also to Mrs. Walsh who accompanied the different singers. The following was the programme:

Song and encore, "Jock Magraw", Drummer Stewart; Song, "Egypt", Miss Fisher; Highland Fling, Drum Major Cridland; Song and encore, "The Vagabond", Mr. Walsh; Song, comic, and encore, "The War Secretary's prayer", Pte.

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Jeffrays, Welsh Regiment ; Selections by the 93rd Mandoline Band ; Reading, "The last shot", Mr. R. R. Forbes ; Song (comic) "Pop, Pop", Pte. Burgess, Welsh Regiment ; Song, "Do you love me", Miss Fisher ; Song, "The old Brigade", Mr. A. Stirling ; Song, comic, "Little wooden hut", Pte. Jeffrays, Welsh Regiment ; Song and encore, Mr. A. C. Gilmour.

"God Save the King."

The following night a well attended dance was held on the poop deck, the string band providing the music. Most of the officers, sergeants and married families were present and the night proved all too short, the inexorable call of "Lights out" putting an end to the general gaiety.

Each night the Band played selections on the boat deck, an item in the day's routine more appreciated perhaps, than the morning practice on the poop deck.

A boxing tournament, brought off on the fore well deck was rudely interrupted by a rain squall. When this had passed over, the entertainment was resumed and as all the regimental fighters had entered, some good fighting was seen.

Sports were held on the 9th and 10th, and consisted of a tug-of-war, open to all troops on the ship, pillow fighting and cock fighting. The draw in the tug-of-war proved as follows:

FIRST ROUND.

1. "E" 2nd Welsh Regiment, pulled by "H" 93rd Highlanders.
2. "B" 93rd Highlanders, pulled "G" 93rd Highlanders.

Remainder a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

3. "E" 93rd Highlanders v. "A" 93rd Highlanders.
4. "D" 93rd Highlanders v. "F" 93rd Highlanders.
5. "H" 93rd Highlanders v. "C" 93rd Highlanders.
6. "B" 93rd Highlanders v. "B" 2nd Welsh Rgt.

SEMI- FINAL.

This turned out as follows:

7. "A" 93rd v. "D" 93rd Highlanders.
8. "H" 93rd v. "B" 93rd Highlanders.

The two latter met in the final and after a good pull "D" proved victorious. The cockfighting and pillow fighting items afforded excellent sport to the onlookers.

On the night of the 9th another excellent and largely attended hop was held, but the concert fixed for the night of the 12th had to be postponed owing to the rain, and the rolling of the ship. This latter was rather too pronounced to be pleasant and a few cases of sea sickness were observed. However by the morning of the 12th we sighted the African coast and steaming along, Durban came into view on the following morning Being Sunday, only the advance party were allowed to disembark, but early on Monday we commenced unloading the baggage, and this concluded, entrained in four troop trains, the first leaving at 2.30 p.m. the last at 3.30 p.m.

Various speculations were indulged in as to the duration of the railway journey, but our doubts were soon at rest as on the morning of the 16th, all four trains met in Bloemfontein station. After breakfast we continued on to Tempe Siding, where we got out and headed by the band of the Welsh Regiment and the 9th Lancers, marched to the barracks just vacated by the Norfolk Regiment, who were proceeding home in the "Soudan."

This ended our journey, which can only be counted a pleasant one. How long we shall remain in Tempe appears, at the moment of writing, to be doubtful, but from the sea of mud which is the prevailing condition of the ground around Barracks, most of us will exclaim in the words of the well known poet:—"Ship me somewhere east o' Suez".

The following is the strength of the battalion on embarkation.

Officers	17
Warrant Officers	2
Staff Sergeants and Sergeants	41
Corporals	37
Drummers and Pipers	21
Privates	654
Total	772

Officers, wives 2, children 4.
Soldiers' Wives 30, Children 46.

Left behind unfit to travel and time expired, etc

Staff Sergeants and Sergeants ...	4
Corporals	2
Privates	13
Total	19

The following officers embarked with the Battalion·

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Colonel Stanley Paterson, Commanding. "A" Company, Capt. P. D. McCandlish, 2nd Lieutenants, R. G. Maclaine and A. C. Gilmour. "B" Coy., Capt. A. J. Campbell, Lieut. A. E. Kennedy, and 2nd Lieut. D. M. Porteous. "C" Company, Capt. A. H. Maclean, Lieut. R. R. Forbes; "D" Company, Capt. K. F. C. Marshall, Lieut. C. P. James. "E" Company, Capt. D. J. Glasfurd. "F" Company, Lieut. H. M. Thomson; 2nd. Lieut. A. Stirling. "G" Company, Major A. F. Mackenzie. "H" Lieut. M. G. Sandeman. Lieut. O. C. Herbert, Adjutant. Lieut. R. Lundie, Quartermaster.

The following officers remain in India:

Major H. d'E. Vallancey, D.A.A.G. 6th Poona Division. Capt. R. B. Graham, Military Police, Burmah. Capt. H. H. G. Hyslop, Sup't. of Gymnasia, Northern Command. Capt. J. Campbell, Staff Captain, Army Headquarters.

The following officers were on leave in England at the date of embarkation:

Major A. E. J. Cavendish, C.M.G.; Captain A. Elphinston; Lieut. J. Kennedy; Lieut. L. D. G. Fenzi.; Lieut. Hon. R. Bruce; Lieut. W. J. Cunninghame; 2nd. Lieut. R. D. Falconar-Stewart.

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A Great Send Off.

("Advocate of India", 29th Dec. 1906)

The Ninety-third Highlanders left India this morning for Durban, whence they proceed to Bloemfontein in South Africa. The regiment arrived in India on Xmas day 1891 from England and arrived in Poona in October, a little over three years ago. The present Colonel of the above regiment is Lieut.-General J. Sprot, and its present Commander is Colonel Stanley Paterson, who is one of the most respected and popular officers that ever came to this country, and both himself and his officers were extremely popular in Poona. A good many of the friends of Colonel and Mrs. Stanley Paterson will be glad to learn that the lady has recovered from her late dangerous illness. The full name of this regiment is the Princess Louise's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and their services range over a wide period of English history, from the Cape of Good Hope in 1806 to the Tochi Campaign. One of the days which they hold in special remembrance is Balaclava Day, which was largely won through the gallant conduct of the Highlanders. During their stay in Poona the regiment suffered a good deal from enteric fever, and had a few cases of plague amongst them. The regiment proved a great success in Poona as they are a sporting body all through from the Colonel downwards, and most hospitable, so consequently greatly liked amongst the people of Poona, and their annual sports formed one of the features of a none too lively season of late.

Our Poona correspondent wires that this gallant regiment had a great send-off in Poona last night. The four military bands in the station played the regiment down to the Poona Railway station where an immense crowd assembled to bid both the officers and men God-speed. Among those present to say goodbye were General and Mrs. Richardson and the officers of the Divisional Staff, also the officers of the different regiments forming the Poona Garrison, and a large number of civilians. As the troop special steamed into Poona station from Ghorpuri the regiment cheered lustily and half an hour later moved off for Bombay amid ringing cheers, which were led off by General Richardson; such an ovation has seldom or never been heard in that station, to a regiment leaving Poona.

The regiment arrived in Bombay at the Sassoon Dock early this morning, with their baggage, and after a brief rest for refreshment after their journey they got on the lighters and launches about nine o'clock. The men seemed pleased with the prospect of a change, and marched cheerfully down to the boats, laughing and chatting, and cracking jokes, many of them hung all round with packets round their accoutrements.

The last to leave was Colonel Paterson, and his gallant Sergt.-Major.

Among the officers were Colonel Stanley Paterson, commanding, Major Mackenzie, Captains Marshall, Maclean, Glasfurd and McCandlish.

A few friends came down to wish them "bon voyage" and a good time in Bloemfontein Vale!

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The Argyll and Sutherland War Memorial.

(From "The Stirling Sentinel.")

The magnificent Memorial which has been erected on the Esplanade, Stirling Castle, the depot of the battalion, to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 91st (Argyll & Sutherland) Highlanders who fell in the South African campaign was unveiled recently by the Duchess of Montrose. Placed on a pedestal of twenty-five tons of Smooth-dressed Peterhead granite, which is in three blocks, the bronze statue, representing a private of the regiment in action, reaches a height from the ground of almost 20 feet, and with the battlements of the Castle as background, forms a commanding figure as the stranger approaches the ancient fortress from the town. It is the work of Mr. W. Hubert Paton, sculptor, Edinburgh, who has well succeeded in giving the statue the impressive attitude and general aspect of a soldier in the heat of battle. The soldier is facing the north, and is represented with his head uncovered, and in full marching and service order, with khaki jacket and kilt. He is in the act of taking a step forward, his bayonet is still in the scabbard, and his rifle is held at the "engage." Brass tablets, with the inscription and the names, in raised letters, of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who are commemorated, are on each of the four sides of the pedestal.

Weather conditions of an altogether favourable character prevailed. The showers of rain that had fallen in the forenoon, and the high wind, had cleared the air, and driven the clouds to the wide horison of mountain walls. Overhead was an azure sky, in which the sun shone brightly; over the black peaks of the distant snow-streaked Grampians, and the nearer Ochils, hung great banks of clouds, black and white, and rainbow tinted. In order to be present and take part in the ceremony, Colonel Urmston, C.B., officer commanding, and other officers of the battalion, along with the band, and 140 men, came from Chatham, where the battalion is at present stationed. All the men in this detachment from Chatham wore battle honours, having served side by side on the African veldt with the fallen comrades whom they were commemorating. In addition 43 of those members of the regiment who are stationed at Stirling Castle, and also a large number of reservists wearing their South African medals and clasps, joined the guard of honor in virtue of their having served in the late war. The men from Chatham arrived in Stirling by special train early in the day, and were welcomed to their historic depot by Captain and Quartermaster Beattie and other officers. Over the Castle the Union Jack floated in the fresh breeze; and the flag of St Andrew was used to veil the war memorial statue. For half an hour before the unveiling ceremony, which began at one o'clock, the band under Band master J. M'Clurg, played on the esplanade, and meanwhile a great crowd of people assembled. In review order, with kilts, scarlet tunics, plaids bonnets and feathers, rifles and fixed bayonets, the guard of honour made three sides of a square round the memorial, while the soldiers of the depot formed a cordon in front. Major Patten was in command of the guard of honour, and Lieutenant Sceales carried the colours.

The company present included the Duke and Duchess of Montrose; Lord Balfour of Burleigh; General Sir I. Leache, V.C., C.V.O., C.B., commanding the forces in Scotland; Lord Douglas Malise Graham, ADC. From Chatham:—Colonel Urmston, commanding 1st Battalion A. & S. Highlanders; Major Irvine; Major Patten; Captain Kirk; Captain Watson; Lieut. Neilson, D.S.O; Lieut. Sceales; Lieut. A. W. Henderson; Second Lieutenant and Adjutant Sprot; Second Lieutenant Couper; and Second Lieutenant Wilson. From the depot:—Major Ayton, D.S.O; Major Moulton Barrett, Adjutant 3rd Battalion; Capt. Darroch, Adjutant 4th V.B., Capt. Tweedie, Adjutant 4th Battalion: Capt. Duncan, Adjutant 7th V.B.; Captain H. C. Macdonald; Captain C. A. H. Maclean; Lieut. A. J. H. Maclean; Lieut. E. B. Cuthbertson; Lieut. the Master of Burleigh; Captain and Quartermaster Beattie; Captain and Quartermaster R. C. Williamson. Retired officers:—Colonel Chater; Colonel A. Wilson, C.B.; Colonel Henderson, D.S.O.; Assistant Adjutant-General, 1st Division, Aldershot; Major Black, V.D., 5th V.B.; Captain M'Arthur, 5th V.B.; Captain C. W. L. Ross, (the three last named having been in the Active Service Company); Captain John Denholm; Major H. Williams. Others present included:— Mr. W. Hubert Paton, Edinburgh, who designed and executed the statue; Colonel Burn-Murdoch, R.E.; Rev. Dr. Robertson, Methven, who was Presbyterian Chaplain to the Highland Brigade in South Africa; and Rev. J. P. Lang, Stirling, acting clergyman;

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Colonel Morton; Colonel Simpson; Captain James Brown, Stirling; Colonel King and Mr. A. King, Antermony; Mr. E. Bolton of Carbrook, late of the Royal Scots Greys, and Miss Bolton; Mrs. Urmston; Mrs. Burn-Murdoch; Sheriff and Mrs. Buntine, Torbrex House; Mr. James Murray of Polmaise; Mrs. John Murray; Mr. J. D. G. Dalrymple of Woodhead and Gargunnock; Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Sandes; Miss Stirling of Gargunnock; Mr. P. Welsh; Mr. J. W. Campbell; Mrs. Neilson; Mrs. M'Laren; Mrs. Darroch; Mrs. Wilson; Colonel Goldney and Mrs. Goldney; Mrs. Lang; Miss Paton, sister of the artist who designed the memorial; Mrs. Scott; Mrs. Denholm; Mrs. Beattie; Major Stewart, Chief Ordnance Officer at Stirling; Captain Oldfield, R.A.; Mrs. Stewart; Miss Spiers; Rev. Mr. Graham Sheppard of Rednock; etc.

From Her Royal Highness Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), who is the patroness of the regiment, the following telegram was received: "Please assure the Regiment that my thoughts are with them, and much regret being unable to take part in the ceremony today.—LOUISE."

At one o'clock the band played the Old Hundred, and then prayer was offered by Padre Robertson. Colonel Urmston next asked the Duchess of Montrose to unveil the statute, and her Grace, by pulling a cord that had been attached to a halbert, loosened the fastenings, and allowed the flag to fall from the memorial. "This memorial," she said, " is dedicated to the lasting memory of those brave men in the 1st Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who gave their lives in the service of their country." The lament, "The Flowers o' the Forest," was afterwards played by the pipers, and the Rev. J.P. Lang made the dedicatory prayer.

The Duke of Montrose, K.T., A.D.C., said he was desired by the Duchess to say how sorry she was that her Royal Highness Princess Louise could not be present to unveil the memorial—a ceremony which her Royal Highness would have had much at heart—as the chief of the regiment. However, in the unavoidable absence of Her Royal Highness, he was sure they could not have found anyone who had deeper sympathy with all that concerned the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders than his wife. From the time when the depot of the regiment was first established among them, the people of Stirlingshire, had taken great interest in all that concerned the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and when the battalion was ordered on active service, they followed its career with pride and anxiety—anxiety because they had made so many friends among both the officers and men. The regiment was very proud of the battle honours that they bore on the battalion standard. These honours comprised all the chief battles in the Peninsula War, and three campaigns in South Africa; but he was sure they would be none the less proud of the latest honours they were privilleged to carry—South Africa, 1899 to 1902, with Paardeberg and Modder River. Nobody who was not at these actions knew the full meaning of the words Paardeberg and Modder River; but they who were not present did know that every man in the 1st Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders went into action with the determination that whatever he found for his hands to do he would do with all his might. That that determination was nobly carried out was proved by the heavy losses they sustained in these actions. At the Modder River and Magersfontein they lost their Colonel, 8 officers, and 250 non-commissioned officers and men killed and wounded; and at Paardeberg they lost 96 officers and men killed and wounded. The lives their comrades gave to the country shed a lustre on the battalion, and on the British Arms in general. Their names were inscribed on these glorious but melancholy tablets that surround the memorial. They could not have a higher tribute to their loyalty and courage, and if to the names inscribed on the memorial were added the names of the 14 officers and 208 non-commissioned officers and men who were wounded, they had a record most gloriously complete. The people of Scotland, and of Stirlingshire in particular, would act up to the motto of the regiment, "ne obliviscaris"—"do not forget." They would not forget the doings of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the South African campaign; and they were perfectly certain that the regiment would continue to fulfil in the future, as in the past, the second motto which they bore on their arms—"sans peur," "without fear."

General Leach said the memorial which Her Grace the Duchess of Montrose had just unveiled, and which the regiment had raised in affectionate memory of those who had laid down their lives during the late war in South Africa, was almost the last of many similar memorials erected by Scottish regiments in other parts of Scotland. It was most fitting that the memorial should be placed on the ancient town of Stirling, which was the depot of the regiment, and the headquarters

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of one of its militia battalions. Placed at Stirling Castle, it would always form a link between the present and the past. In the young soldier it would awaken a feeling of pride in his new regiment. To the old soldier, who served in the war, the long list of names engraved upon its sides would bring back to them vivid reminiscences of many a hard-fought struggle, and perhaps sad and tender memories of lost friends and comrades. It was under the stern trials of a hard and prolonged campaign that true friendships were made, and that their esprit de corps, which was the life-blood in the regimental system, was most strongly developed. Long, therefore, might the memorial remain to bear eloquent testimony to the courage and devotion displayed by all ranks in that long campaign. After a war the successful officer, in some cases the successful non-commissioned officer received promotion and reward, and his future was assured. All had their medals and their clasps showing the actions in which they had been engaged. But as years rolled by the names of those who survived were perhaps forgotten. On memorials such as that which had just been unveiled, were imperishably preserved the names of those who unfortunately fell.

Provost Thomson said he esteemed it a very great privilege to express, on behalf of the town of Stirling, the admiration they felt for the deeds that were here recorded, and for the magnificent statute that had been erected in their ancient town. He could conceive of no more suitable place than the entrance to the Castle of Stirling—a place of arms surrounded by the memories of past battles and past victories—in which to commemorate the deeds of the men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who fell in the late war. This was a soldier's tribute to soldiers. It was an expression of their generous feelings towards their old comrades and to their memory. Yes, and it was an expression of the artist's skill, for he had risen to the occasion and demonstrated afresh the high standing of the name of Paton in the world of art. As he said, this was a soldier's tribute but through the kindness of their Colonel he, a mere civilian, was permitted to take part in the proceedings. After all, from what ranks did the soldiers come? They came from the ranks of the people, though they lived a life apart, in grooves different from theirs. They lived this dedicated life, dedicated to the service of their country, yet at the same time they came from us, and they were of us still. They could remember and recall with feelings of interest the occasions when these men left at the call of duty, and the pride and affection that was then manifested by the people of Stirling and of the whole country. Their minds followed them—their hearts were with them. They read with the intensest interest of their victories, they grieved over their defeats, and when they came home again—they welcomed them with heart and voice and said: "Well done." Alas! there were many who had not returned, and today they were gathered to commemorate their sacrifice. As long as that memorial stood it would speak not of death or of dishonour, but of devotion to duty, of men who gave their best, nay their all, for the Crown and country.

Colonel Urmston having thanked the Duchess of Montrose for performing the unveiling ceremony, the guard of honour presented arms, the regimental colours were drooped, and the buglers sounded the last Post. The proceedings on the Esplanade were then brought to a close with the playing of the National Anthem.

In the old Armoury of the Castle, surrounded by the armour and the weapons of bygone ages, the men of modern war were afterwards entertained to luncheon. During the luncheon the band of the regiment played a programme of music in the upper square.

The inscription appears on a brass tablet on the front of the Memorial, and on the three other plates appear the names of those who fell. The reading is as follows:—

ERECTED

BY THE

OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS & MEN

OF THE

XCI. [OR 1st BATTALION] PRINCESS LOUISE'S

ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS

TO THE MEMORY OF

THEIR COMRADES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY DURING THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR,

OCTOBER 1899 TO MAY 1902.

OFFICERS.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. J. Goff.
Major S. L. Robinson.
Captain E. C. H. Grant.
Lieutenant G. E. Courtenay.
2nd Lieutenant H. V. St.C. M'Laren.
2nd Lieutenant W. B. King.
Lieutenant J. Hunter, 4th Volunteer Battalion.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

No. 1982—Colour-Sergeant D. Christison.
No. 1386—Colour-Sergeant J. W. Gilbert.

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No. 2623—Colour-Sergeant D. W. Hope.
No. 3209—Sergeant A. Barber.
No. 4405—Sergeant B. J. C. Kelly.
No. 4864—Sergeant W. E. Smith.
No. 4245—Sergeant A. K. Smith.
No. 5183.—Sergeant D. Morrison.
No. 4802—Sergeant J. E. Meredith.
No. 5444—Sergeant H. Wigston.
No. 3053—Lance-Sergeant W. Matthews.
No. 5520—Corporal G. Jamieson.
No. 3762—Corporal J. Mowatt.
No. 3635—Corporal T. H. Templeman.
No. 5247—Corporal D. Millar.
No. 2757—Corporal T. Pagan.
No. 3261—Corporal E. P. Rose.
No. 4714—Lance-Corporal A. S. Inglis.
No. 5317—Lance-Corporal J. Peebles.
No. 3358—Lance-Corporal J. Dodds.
No. 6945—Lance-Corporal R. Wain.
No. 6889—Lance-Corporal J. Stenhouse.
No. 4951—Lance-Corporal H. Harvey.
No. 5264—Lance-Corporal W. T. Bevan.
No. 8544—Lance-Corporal D. R. Aitken.
No. 5040—Lance-Corporal H. Waters.
No. 6559—Lance-Corporal D. Melville.

PRIVATES.

2845—Anderson, D.
3994—Alford, F.
3542—Austin, H.
5664—Bowman, H.
4080—Baker, A. E.
3081—Boyce, H.
3119—Bliss, P.
6845—Crawford, N.
5122—Campbell, J.
2867—Campbell, A.
6841—Cailey, P.
1615—Coyne, W. M.
7136—Currie J.
7284—Campbell, J.
8708—Clanaghan, J.
152—Collins, F.
3820—Delanty, M.
3115—Donald, J.
4149—Drysdale, J.
5972—Davidson. A.
7072—Duncan, W.
3537—Evans, J.
4234—Edwards, M.
6707—Ferguson, J.
7301—Fitzwilliams, W.
4097—Fulbrooke, J.
3713—Fraser, R.
1060—Fraser, A.
7876—Farquhar, J. G.
3084—Giles, C.
3632—Giles, G.
4857—Graham, J.
3860—Gilfether, J.
6438—Gillon, R.
3373—Gordon, D.
2076—Gray, J.
6476—Greig, A.
3423—Glossop, W.
7323—Gillespie, W.
8535—Gilmour, J.
4065—Hay, J.
3254—Hamilton, J.
6141—Howden, J.
2988—Harley, W.
6532—Hyndman. A.
7032—Henderson, J.
3331—Johnstone, F.
6049—Johnstone, W.
3271—Kay, W.
4205—Kitchen, W.
1733—Kidney, J.
7308—Kelly, W. R.
6631—Kennaway, D.
4927—Kennedy, J.
L6331—Logan, T.
6406—Liddle, R.
6435—Lamie, T.
6442—Luke, A.
5222—Littlewood, T.
6552—MacNeil, A.
6147—MacBeth, J.
6551—MacDonald, J.
1759—M'Kean, J.
4189—M'Farlane, J.
3605—M'Kenzie, G.
6744—M'Anally, J.
4494—M'Dermott, B.
4059—M'Anally, J.
3863—M'Whirter, C.
6587—M'Gillivray, D.
3797—M'Gregor, D.
4537—M'Millan, M.
7133—M'Dougall, J.
2960—Merriless, J.
2935—Mansfield, W.
3743—Millen, E.
2808—Milne, D.
6164—Mathieson, J.
6790—Mattison, P.
7303—Morrison, J.
7302—Moore, D. W.
6820—Mowbray, W.
1981—Perry, E.
4557—Patterson, W.
6517—Paterson, J.
6599—Russell, J.
2745—Reid, R.
6311—Ross, M.
4045—Rushforth, A.
6377—Russell, J.
2963—Reid, A.
7152—Russell, A.
3421—Sweeney, H.
4236—Shelfer, N.
5236—Scott, G.
6690—Seeley, J.
7009—Somerville, W.
6862—Shore, W. F.
3844—Scott, J.
8450—Stevenson, T. M.
3085—Taylor, H.
1279—Trew, G.
3722—Tring, W.
6348—Tait, R.
6611—Thompson, H.
6283—Williamson, T.
4215—Ward, R.
7000—Wain, J.
4316—Ward, W. J.
5671—Wilkie, T.
6115—Wintrup, A.
6514—Wilson, J
2817—Wiggins, J.
8714—Williams, G.

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South Africa.

Where Kaffirs idly loiter and the circling vultures fly,
Among the scattered boulders with the sweet mimosa by,
The soldier sleeps in safety, and round his weary head
The angel-sentries ever guard his longest "night abed".

His grave is graced at daylight with the kiss of early dew,
And straying oxen wander where the hissing bullet flew,
And for the hearts that love him still, that sigh so far away,
Perhaps the green amantis kneels beside the place to pray.

The springbok slumbers near him throughout the summer's heat,
And little dazzling lizards play with silent, dancing feet;
Except the ox-bird calling, the veldt is still around,
And naught will e'er disturb him till the Great Reveille sound,

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No foeman now can fear him ; no more his British cheer
Will echo up the donga-path until the mountains hear ;
The grave has closed about him in a tender, long embrace,
And found him where he last obeyed, his final resting place.

In Nature's hallowed keeping safe ; no need there be to mourn,
The Guard dismounts at sunrise and the Sentries watch the dawn,
Yet, England, through the watches of the long, calm night serene,
For him, in thine own honour bound, oh, keep thy memory green!

—St. George's Gazette.

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Home and Depot Notes.

An interesting shooting competition, open to schools in the British Empire possessing a bona fide cadet corps, has just been concluded. The conditions were seven shots at 200 and 500 yds. Bisley conditions, and no less than 87 teams, representing the principal public schools throughout the whole of the Empire, entered. The first place was secured by Rugby, England, with an average of 59.50, and we are pleased to see that Merchiston, Scotland team, secured fifth place with an average of 57.12.

The Marquis of Breadalbane, K.C., has been appointed Keeper of the Privy Seal in Scotland in place of the late Earl of Leven and Melville K. T. The new Keeper was born fifty-six years ago and has had a military training, having been lieutenant in the 4th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and captain in the Shropshire Yeomanry.

We learn that there is a proposal on foot to dress the Stirlingshire Volunteers in the kilt. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to see the whole of our Volunteer Battalions, and Militia also, wearing the kilt,

The Army Medical Department Report for 1905 contains the following with respect to Stirling Castle:—"The inspection and cleansing of the drains have been facilitated by the reconstruction of a number of manholes. Surface drainage has been improved by laying down concrete paving at the place where refuse bins stand, and near the main ablution room. A new foul and waste water drainage system has been provided for No. 2 Field Officers' quarters. The ventilation, lighting, and drainage of the bathrooms have been improved. The ventilation of the guard-room has been improved. The old and insanitary arrangements in connection with the hired married quarters are being replaced.

The following will be the dimensions of the N.R.A. 3rd class Targets for 1907:—

Bulls-eye, 6 inches in diameter.
*Inner, 15 inches in diameter.
Magpie, 24 inches in diameter.
Outer, Remainder of Target, 4ft. square.

*The inner of this Target is up to 12 inches in diameter black, and beyond that white. The Inner is divided from the Bulls-eye by a faint white line not visible to the firer.

The 1st and 2nd class Targets will be the same as at present.

Those targets which have been Kharki will in future be grey-blue.

The Army Council have issued orders that non-commissioned officers and men who are in possession of first-class certificates of education, which were obtained under the 1903 School Regulations, may present themselves for examination in either map reading or composition, and have these subjects, if passed, recorded on their certificates.

The old colours of the 74th and 91st Highland regiments were lately handed back to Lord Archibald Campbell, as representing the ducal family of Argyll, for safe keeping in Inveraray Castle. These interesting mementoes had been considerably damaged by the fire that occurred some years ago in Inveraray Castle, but having now been renovated by the skilful needlework of Miss Jessie Campbell, of Connel, they were yesterday placed in the Central Hall of the Castle in the presence of a large company.

It is notified in the Army Orders that an identity disc of aluminium, fitted with a cord (42 in. in length) to be worn round the neck under the clothing, has been approved for use on active service, in lieu of the description card (Army Form B 2067) hitherto in use. Identity discs will be regarded as an article of kit, and issued as such to serving soldiers and Reservists on mobilisation. When soldiers are transferred to the Army Reserve, their identity discs will be passed by the officer commanding their unit to the officer in charge of records, who will forward each man's disc to the Depot or unit which he

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will rejoin on mobilisation. Identity discs will be kept ready marked, showing the soldier's number, rank, name, regiment, and religious denomination: 2067 Pte. J. Smith, R.C. Corcester Regiment. On change of rank a new disc will be marked.

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Letters to the Editor.

(The following interesting letter was received some time ago, but owing to the delay in publishing has unavoidably been left over).

Dear Sir,

From my last letter you will see that I was wondering if any one of Sir Colin Campbell's brigade who were wounded in the Crimea had ever recognised the noble services rendered by Miss Nightingale. I feared not, so I determined to lose no chance of sending my aged nurse a bouquet of flowers. I had almost lost hopes of accomplishing this, but fortunately, on a recent Sunday evening, I was visited by a gentleman holding an important position in my immediate neighbourhood. He was accompanied by a popular London novelist, who I found was Barry Payne, and his two daughters. I mentioned to my local friend, who had recently returned from London, that if I had known in time I would have sent with him a bouquet for Miss Nightingale. On hearing this my local friend asked me to shew his London visitors my decorations and for this purpose they went into an adjoining room. Here they arranged to supply not only a bouquet of roses from the castle but to convey them to London and deliver them with the least possible delay, provided I would supply any letter to accompany the roses. This was done and I send you a copy of the reply received from Nightingale

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) J. COBB,
Late Sgt. 93rd Highlanders.

10 South Street, Park Lane, W.
1st August, 1906.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by Miss Nightingale to convey to you her cordial thanks for the beautiful bouquet of roses which are now in a vase by ier side, and perfectly fresh in spite of the long journey.

Miss Nightingale is pleased to hear that you are fairly well and wishes me to assure you that she has not forgotten her old friends. She is quite an invalid herself but as well as usual at present I am glad to say.

Miss Nightingale thanks you for your letter and the magazine containing your portrait and account of yourself. She is interested to see how many medals you possess.

Believe me,
Yours Faithfully,
(Signed) ELIZ. F. BOSANQUET.

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Life of Lieutenant-General Sprot.

(Edinburgh: Gordon Wilson, 47 Thistle St.)

The gallant author of this most interesting autobiography, which was originally intended for private circulation only, has wisely determined to place it before a wider circle of readers. The work when complete will embrace a period of military service covering nearly sixty years, and many of the incidents related will be found of exceptional interest. Born in 1830, General Sprot, who was the eldest son of Mark Sprot, of Riddell, Roxburgh, N. B. after some years at private academies, at the age of fourteen was sent to Chelthenham College, which had recently been opened,, one of the original founders of the College being the author's great uncle, Mr. Edward Shewell. Leaving Cheltenham in 1846 he was sent to a preparatory school for Addiscombe, and the following year proceeded to Germany to acquire a knowledge of the German language. Returning home in 1848 his father purchased a commission for him in the 83rd Regiment of Foot, then quartered in Fermoy and under orders for the Cape, but on the outbreak of the second Sikh War the destination was changed and the 83rd, together with the 64th and 73rd Foot, was ordered to India forthwith. Much to his surprise Ensign Sprot found himself gazetted to the 82nd, and, on the advice of his colonel proceeded to London where he interviewed the Military Secretary, Lord Henry Somerset, afterwards Lord Raglan, who informed him that the transfer had been made at the express wish of the young officer's father, A letter home brought the unsatisfactory reply that if he wished to go on active service he could, but that his allowance of £150 a year would be stopped. This letter Ensign Sprot took to the Military Secretary and was told the Duke of Wellington would see him on the following Thursday. At the interview with the Commander-in-chief the Duke who had read Sprot's petition, said he was greatly

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pleased with his pluck and military zeal, and, acting on the young ensign's suggestion, gave orders for him to rejoin the 83rd at Cork. This he at once did, and eventually sailed for India with the last detachment of his regiment, on St. Patrick's day, 1849. On the voyage out he not only continued his study of tactics, but took up the subject of navigation with so much success that he had the satisfaction, in the absence of a pilot, of bringing, under the supervision of the captain, the ship safely into Bombay Harbour by night, by observing of the fixed stars. On landing at Bombay, on the 20th June 1849, he found from the Gazette that he had been retransferred to the 83rd a few days after the vessel left Cove of Cork. Seven months later he was promoted Lieutenant. Coming of a family of sportsmen, Lieutenant Sprot found, on reaching Poona, plenty of opportunities for satisfying his desires in this direction. He however did not allow them to attract him from his military duties, and being ever ready to acquire knowledge that might afterwards prove of service, he applied for and obtained permission to attend the newly formed Normal Military School at Poona. After three months at the school he received the commendations of the Government of Bombay in Council and an offer of an appointment on the Public Works, with the very unusual proposal that he might choose any district he preferred in the Bombay Presidency. He chose the Poona district, and soon after was gazetted a fourth-class assistant Engineer- After a course of study he passed his examination in surveying etc., and entered on a period of duty in road making. Some interesting particulars are given with respect to the work in this connection. On the outbreak of the Mutiny he accompanied the small force sent to the relief of the European officers in Aurungabad, and personally conducted the 10th Hussars across the dangerous ford of Godavery. The public works being stopped, Lieutenant Sprot proceeded to Poona, but found the 83rd had moved to Deesa and Nusserabad, and, the monsoon having broken, it was necessary for him to remain where he was for two months. Taking advantage of this delay, he went up for an important examination, and succeeded in securing first place by 300 marks above the next highest candidate, being specially commended by the Bombay Government on the result. Having rejoined his regiment in Deesa, his company was attached to a small force sent— under command of Major Prescott of the 2nd Bombay Light CavalryH to the relief of Neemuch, Lieutenant Sprot acting as Staff Officer. After affairs at that place had got into a settled condition he was appointed by Sir George Lawrence, Governor-General's agent at Rajpootana, to be Assistant Executive Engineer, Rajpootana Field Force, to reside at Neemuch, take charge of fortifications, and to rebuild barracks. This although thrown entirely on his own resources, he did to the satisfaction of General Roberts, then commanding in that district. Many useful hints and suggestions are made in this portion of thework . Being taken with a bad touch of fever, Lieutenant Sprot was granted two month sick leave, and took the opportunity to visit the Bheel country, which was then in a very disturbed state. He visited the Rajah of Oodepur, and after some exciting experiences reached Kherwara, then garrisoned by one regiment of Native Irregulars. Continuing his adventurous journey across the Bheel territory he reached Deesa, and finally, after some difficulty, arrived at Nusserabad, where the headquarters of his own regiment was quartered. Subsequently, he visited Jeypoor where, although engaged in important duty, he managed to enjoy a fair amount of sport. Invalided home in 1860, he sailed from Bombay on the 24th May, and thus brought to a close his Inhian experiences. General Sprot has a fluent pen, and has written several useful treatises on military subjects. Much will be found in the first part of this work that will prove of interest in connection with the state of affairs in India at the present time. The second volume will relate the author's experiences on home service, and should prove of equal interest to the book under review.

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Temperance Notes.

The Pride of Sutherland, I.O.G.T. No. 93 lodge held their farewell social and concert in the Regimental Theatre at Wanorie, Poona, on Friday evening, 21st December, 1906. A large turnout of members and friends from the different Temperance parties of Poona and Kirkee sat down to what proved to be an excellent tea purveyed by our worthy Brother. Sgt. Forrest. This over an excellent programme was then put forward, Mr. Glossop, Manager Connaught Institute being called upon by Bro W. Smith, C.T., to take over the chair for the evening. Mr. Glossop expressed his regret at the departure of the 93rd Highlanders for South Africa and also gave some encouraging remarks on the work done by the Pride of Sutherland Lodge and

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hoped they would go on increasing in numbers when they got to South Africa.

PROGRAMME.

Overture by string band, Bro. Finlay and others; Song, "Is there not one maiden here", Friend Walsh; Encore, "Mary", Friend Walsh; Humourous Reading, "The setting o' the hen", Bro. Harrison; Highland Fling, Bro. Miller; Song, (comic), "I stopped it", Friend Stewart; Coon Song, "Merry Coons", Friend Fraser.; Mandoline Selection, "The Royal Rose" Bro. Finlay; Encore, "Scotch Selection", Bro. Finlay; Song, "A picture no artist can paint", Bro. Fulton, R.I.R.; Encore, "Just like the ivy", Bro. Fulton; Exhibition Reel, selected, Bro, Fleming; Song, "Sing me to sleep", Bro. Finlay.

Interval.

Overture by String Band, "The Gold Diggers", Bro. Finlay and others; encore, "Scotch Selection", Bro. Finlay and others. ; Song, "Auld Lang Syne", Friend Walsh; Encore, Reading, "The Stowaway", Friend Walsh; Song and Encore, Selected, Bro. Fulton R.I.R.; Song, Comic, Bro Walker; Mandoline Selection, "Bonnie Scotland", Bro. Finlay; Encore, Selected, Bro. Finlay; Song, "Jack, the sailor", Friend Fraser; Song (Gaelic) "A Fireman's Girl" Bro. Nicholson; Encore, Bro. Nicholson; Song, (Comic), and encores, "As soon as I go to bed", Friend Stewart; Song, "Robin Adair", Bro. Berry; Song, (Comic) Parodies, Bro. Ferries, R. F. A.; Song, "I will think of dear mother," Bro. Grant.

The programme concluded; a few Brothers spoke on the advance of temperance at home, and of the great work done in the cause of temperance, one brother remarking that Scotland headed the list by having the biggest Temperance Lodge in the world and he hoped this always would be a reminder to the Pride of Sutherland to continue even harder than they had done during their stay in Poona. Bro. Chalmers of the I.O.R. Excelsior Tent, also spoke of the great work done both by the I.O.G.T and I.O.R. and hoped to see some of the I.O.G.T also find their way to the Excelsior Tent I.O.R. in the near future. Members and friends then formed a circle and joining hands sang: "Auld Lang Syne".

Obituary.

Colour-Sergeant David Morton, formerly of the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, died on the 3rd January, at his residence, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen. The deceased—a veteran soldier of the best type—was held in high respect by many friends in the city. He had been almost a complete invalid for a year, and the tidings of a brother's death recently hastened the end. Mr. Morton was a native of Killinary, Fife, where he was born in 1819, being thus in his eighty-seventh year. He enlisted at Perth in 1840 in the 93rd Highlanders, and served with the regiment until discharged in 1861 on completion of twenty-one years' service. The veteran colour-sergeant was not in the Crimean campaign with the regiment, having been left behind to recruit and drill the drafts required by the regiment. He was, however, in the Indian Mutiny campaign, in which he distinguished himself, gaining the medal, with two clasps. A man of keen intelligence and excellent character, he obtained early promotion. He was appointed lance-corporal in 1841, and corporal in 1844, and remained a non-comissioned officer until 1847, when he reverted back to private. He took the lance stripe again in 1849, and was promoted corporal in 1851, sergeant in 1854, and colour-sergeant in 1857. The veteran was senior colour-sergeant of the regiment after the Mutiny, holding the appointment known in those days as rear-rank sergeant-major, or drill instructor. For 15 years he was on the staff of the 3rd Battalion Gordon Highlanders (Militia), and was admitted to a pension in 1861. Mr. Morton had eight of a family, but only three survive—a son and two daughters. Deceased had 26 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, of whom 20 and 6 respectively survive.

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Still another of the few remaining heroes of the Crimean campaign has passed away by the death of Sergeant-Major Robert Whittaker, late of the 93rd Highlanders at the ripe age of eighty-one years. He enlisted in 1847, and was one of one of the first guard of honor to the late Queen Victoria at Aberdeen when she visited Scotland in 1849. He accompanied the regiment to the Crimea as one of the light company, and was promoted Colour-Sergeant of No. 3 Company during the war. He took part in the battles of Alma and Balaklava, the seige of Sebastopol, and the expedition to Kertch and Yenikale. He

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had the following medals:—Crimea (with clasps for Alma, Balaklava, and Sebastopol); Turkish medal, and also the long service and good conduct medal. After the return of the regiment from the Crimea Campaign, he was transfered to serve with the depot companies, and did not accompany the regement to India. At Aberdeen he was promoted Quartermaster-Sergeant, and was discharged with that rank in 1868, on completion of twenty-one year's service. He then took up the appointment of Sergeant-Major of the Ross-shire Volunteers and continued to serve until 1889, when he was finally discharged on completion of forty-two years service. His popularity with the Ross-shire Volunteers was testified by the number of presents which he received from officers and men during his long service as their instructor.

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Old Sandy Macpherson is gone. He was found dead from exposure on Kildrummie Bridge near Nairn, about a mile from his own cottage at Mossside, on Christmas morning, and his remains have been interred in the Nairn Cemetery. The death of the veteran soldier recalls an incident of undoubted authenticity, as marvellous as any in the annals of the British Army. Alexander Macpherson (who, though in humble rank, was of good family, not very distantly related to the Cluny Macphersons), having enlisted when a young man in the 93rd Regiment, was at the time of the Indian Mutiny a sergeant in that distinguished Highland corps. The fortunes of war found him amongst the devoted band of soldiers whose lives were in deadly peril within the barracks of Lucknow when Sir Colin Campbell came to its relief. Instructions had been received by the garrison from Sir Colin to evacuate the place, and orders were issued to the soldiers to be ready at a given hour of the night to leave Lucknow, secretly and silently. Sergeant Macpherson was one of the non-commissioned officers who went round to warn the men to keep awake and be in readiness when the call to leave would be given. Alas! on his return to his own quarters Macpherson himself fell sound asleep. When the whispered command came, a brother-sergeant shook him by the shoulder. saying: "Waken, Sandy; we're off!" and never doubting but that his sleepy comrade would follow, took his departure with the rest of the company. But Sandy slept on, and did not waken until it was broad daylight. When he got up and looked around he realised his position—he was left alone in Lucknow barracks, with a herd of bloody thirsty Sepoys ready to attack. He could see the walls of the fortress lined with armed Sepoys, and every loophole g,istened with muskets. To use his own words in relating the occurrence—"I said to myself, I fear its all up with you this time, Sandy Macpherson, my boy, but its better to be shot than stabbed, so I tightened my belt and shouldered my musket and came out in full marching order in the face of the blacks." The Sepoys appeared to have been so taken aback by the spectacle of a solitary Highland soldier appearing right in front of them, a thousand strong, and proceeding to walk across the barrack yard as calmly and unconcernedly as if he were on parade, that they did not fire. Probably they thought it was some ruse of the garrison sending out one man, and that a rush of others would follow. Sandy was half-way across the barrack ground before a single shot was fired at him. When the Sepoys had recovered from their surprise they sent volley upon voley after him, but only one shot hit him—it was a ricochet bullet, which merely grazed his leg. Sandy now took to his heels and ran his hardest, with a pack of Sepoys after him, yelling and shouting and firing their guns. Sandy had a notion of the direction in which his friends had retired, and following it up found a breach in the wall, and got out in the open, with his enemies the blacks, in full cry after him. He made for a swamp in the neighbourhood, and eventually found a hiding place among the tall rushes, where he lay in concealment till the darkness came on. He then ventured out in search of the British camp, and after wandering about for hours he was fortunately discovered by a picket of friendly Sikhs, who took him into the camp. Great was the astonishment and delight of his comrades at seeing Sandy once more, for he had been given up as lost. The English officer, before whom he was taken by the guard refused to believe his story, and had it not been for a subaltern of his own regiment, who appeared on his behalf, he would have been summarily dealt with on a charge of wilful desertion. Eventually he was taken before Sir Colin Campbell. Sir Colin appeared greatly amused at the incident, but got some valuable information from the belated soldier as to the time when the Sepoys discovered the evacuation, their probable strength, and the positions they were occupying when he left. The Commander-in-Chief then dismissed him with the admonition—"Go now to your regiment, Sergeant Macpherson, but take care you never sleep in again. You were the

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last man to leave Lucknow; be the first man to enter it when you are called." Sergeant Macpherson saw a good deal of fighting in India and elsewhere, and when his full term of service expired he retired to a hamlet in the vicinity of Nairn, where he has spent the remainder of his years. When pension day came round, poor old Sandy not infrequently indulged in various antics and eccentricities of conduct, imagining that he was still facing the Sepoys at Lucknow barrack yard, or performing some other heroic deed, and it is supposed that it was some delusion or mental freak of this kind that led the old man to leave his bed at midnight on Christmas eve, and go out and stand on Kildrummie Bridge half-dressed until he perished with cold. Ordinarily, he was a quiet, inoffensive, industrious man, delighting to talk of his experiences as a soldier in foreign lands, but repudiating with all the strength of the Highland character the insinuation in a published account of his escapade at Lucknow that his being left behind was due to his having indulged in an extra dram on that eventful night.

—From "The Scotsman."

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Ninety-Third Calendar for March, 1907.

1. F. Halted Shajahanpur en route, Oudh jungles to Sabathu, 1895; delayed three days on account of bad weather.
2. S.
2. S. Hd.-qrs. ("E." "F." "G" amd "H" Coys,) Bareilly for Chubattia, 1899.
   Lt.-Col. Halkett relinquished command, 1810, to 10th Foot. Hd.-qrs. arrived Ranikhet, 1901.
4. M. George Johnstone, Lt.-Col., 1810.
5. T. Arrived Halifax from England after bad passage, 1838.
6. W.
7. Th. Lieut.-Col. Andrew Creagh to 81st Foot 1822. Henry Milling, Lt.-Col., 1822 (never joined). Arrived Malta, 1854.
8. F. Disembarked, Malta, 1834 (Minie Rifle issued).
9. S. Capture of Martinere College, final attack upon Lucknow, 1858.
   Arrived Rawalpindi from Umballa, 1860. Surgeon-Major William Munro, M.D., C.B., left after 13 years in regiment to take up appointment of D.I.G. of Hospitals, 1867.
   Annual Regimental Games 1905.
10. S. Lieut.-General William Wemyss, Colonel of the Regiment, 1850.
11. M. Begum, Kothee, Lucknow, stormed 1858; 2 Officers, 13 N.C.O.'s and men killed; 2 Officers, 45 N.C.O's. and men wounded.
12. Tu.
13. W.
14. Th.
15. F.
16. S. William Wemyss, Lt.-Col., 1815.
17. S.
18. M.
19. Peshawar District Assault-at-arms, 1896, win 'Tug of War", pulling Devons, and Signalling Competition. "D" Company, winners of Football League at Poona, 1904.
20. W. Peshawar District, Assault-at-Arms, 1896, 2nd day; pulled "Buffs" in final.
21. Th. Severe street fighting in Lucknow, 1858. Inter-Coy. "Tug of War",, "H" Coy. win shield, Ranikhet, 1900.
22. F.
23. S. Duncan Macgregor, Lt.-Col. 1826, vice Lt.-Col. Sir Chas. Gordon, to half-pay.
24. S. Annual inspection at Bareilly by Brigadier General Clifford, 1898. Annual Regimental Games, Poona, 1906.
25. M. Troopship "Himalaya" with 93rd arrived Leith from Bombay, 1870.
   Annual inspection (2nd Day), 1898.
26. Tu. Annual inspection (3rd day, 1898) Inter-Coy.
   Physical Drill Competition, "C" Company wins Shield, Ranikhet, 1900.
27. W. Final capture of Lucknow, 1858.
28. Th. Disembarked, Leith, 1870; head-quarters to Aberdeen, Detachments to Perth and Stirling.
29. F. 2nd Bn. 93rd, left Aberdeen for Gravesend, 1814.
   Left Gibraltar for Portsmouth, 1881.
30. S. 2nd Bn. 93rd, Aberdeen for Gravesend, 1841.
31. S.

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APPOINTMENTS.

TO BE LANCE SERGEANT:
No. 5380 Cpl. McLuckie, G. "H" Company, 17th January.

TO BE PROVISIONAL LANCE CORPORAL:
No. 7459. Pte. G. McNair, "E" Company, 29th January.

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No. 9225, Lce. Cpl. T. Guthrie, "A" Coy.
No. 8319, Pte. J. Bell, "A" Coy.
No. 6780, pte. W. Broadfoot, "A" Coy.
No. 9587, W. Maxwell, "E" Coy.
No. 9640, Pte. R. Weir, "E" Coy.
No. 9622, Pte. D. Mc.Curdie, "F" Coy.
No. 9487, Lce. Cpl. T. McDonald, "F" Coy.

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The A.S.C. Journal.
The Sapper.
The Globe and Laurel.
The Army Ordnance Corps Magazine.
The Diehards Doings.
The China Dragon.
The Tiger and the Rose.
The Lion and the Rose.
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SKIRLS

Major A. E. J. Cavendish, C.M.G., arrived in the "Kildonan Castle" during the month and reassumed the duties of second-in-command. Major Cavendish, who was accompanied by Mrs. Cavendish, has completely recovered from his illness.

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The Right Honourable Earl of Selborne, G.C.M.G., High Commissioner of South Africa, made his inspection of the Battalion on the 11th February. The parade was in review order dress, and His Excellency, arriving at 12 noon, was received with a general salute. On dismounting from his motor he proceeded on foot along the line, and then proceeding to the saluting base witnessed the battalion marching past. To Colonel Paterson he expressed the pleasure he had in seeing the Ninety Third, and paid to him a high compliment on our appearance. His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Selborne.

A draft of 187 non-commissioned officers and men arrived in the "Braemar Castle" and joined the battalion on the 8th February. Owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever aboard ship, the whole of the men had to undergo isolation and inspection for eight days, but happily the disease had not found its way among them. The draft appears to be on the young side, but as far as drill goes, may be considered smart and well trained.

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We have to congratulate Sergeants McQueen and Sutherland on their having obtained School of Musketry certificates at the last Satara class before leaving India. Sergeant McQueen obtained the much coveted "D" while Sergeant Sutherland, we believe, was not much behind him.

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Before leaving H. T. "Soudan," a voluntary subscription towards the funds of the Sailors' Widows and Orphans Society was called for, and we are pleased to learn that the sum of £12 1s. 3d. was contributed.

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In our columns this month we record the death of Private McAskill who was generally looked upon as the father of the Regiment. We are indebted to Captain Wm McKay, Aberdeen, another Ninety Third Veteran, for the account of

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his passing away, and to those who assisted towards giving the deceased veteran the token of respect due to every soldier—Particularly Lieutenant Robertson, V.C., The Gordon Highlanders (who was the means of getting the pipes and drums to attend), and to Mr. Cummings, the Secretary of the Gordon Highlander's Institute, we tender the thanks of the Regiment.

The War Office notify they have had under consideration a Soldiers' Song Book, with a view to encourage singing throughout the Army; it is proposed, should the scheme meet with encouragement, to issue a book containing a selection of 100 songs arranged under the following headings:—(1) Songs for use on the March; (2) songs for barrack, camp, or bivouac; (3) territorial (old country) songs etc.

In order to form some estimate as to the number of copies to be printed, fifteen specimen sheets have been distributed to commanding officers, who will report the approximate number of books that may be required by the troops under their command.

It is suggested that the books should be on sale in regimental institutes, the retail cost being about 3d. a copy.

Among the many expressions of goodwill received by us at the recent festive season, was one from the Officers of the Ninety First Canadian Highlanders consisting of an excellent photographic group of themselves.

"A" (Captain McCandlish's) Company are to be congratulated on securing a place in the prize list of the Army Rifle Association Inter-Company Match. Their score of 116 points was made up as follows: 600 yards—49 points; 500 yards—67 points.

The following officers have been placed in charge of the different Regimental Institutes:—

INSTITUTES:—Captain P. D. McCandlish, Lieut C. P. James, and 2nd. Lieut. A Stirling.

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BAND:—Lieut. M. G. Sandeman.

PIPES:—Lieut. O. C. Herbert.

Eight men have been selected to proceed to the Home establishment this season.

A party of fifty N.C.O's. and men under Lieut. M. G. Sandeman, were instructed in rail-laying during the month. A similar party for road making would perhaps be more appreciated in our midst.

The date from which the South African service of all who came with the battalion from India reckons from is 29th December 1907.

Lieutenants M. G. Sandeman and C. P. James and Sergeants Sim and Glass have been selected for the next class at the School of Musketry. The school is located within a stone's throw of our barracks.

Lance Corporals Jack and Dawson have been selected for the course of Army Signalling assembling at Pretoria next month.

The Commanding Officer has been pleased to award the Regimental Shooting Shield to "A" Company for the musketry year just ended. On another page we give the final averages.

"A" and "E" Companies begin Musketry under the Home conditions in a few days, and it will be interesting to see how the scores compare with those obtained under the Indian system.

The Signallers of the battalion underwent their Annual Inspection on the 18th February, and notwithstanding the short time they have been in South Africa made an appearance very creditable to the officer in charge, Captain Glasfurd, and the Assistant Instructor, Corporal McVea.

Since our arrival at Tempe, several lectures have been delivered to the officers, N.C.O's. and men of the garrison by different officers, one on scouting by Brigadier-General Carter, being particularly interesting. The lecturer touched on the possibility of each battalion having in the near future, its own complement of mounted scouts, a possibility which we poor beggars on legs sincerely trust will come to pass.

Colour-Sergeant Instructor W. Smith, Assam Bengal Railway Volunteers, who left the Ninety-Third in Calcutta has been awarded the Long

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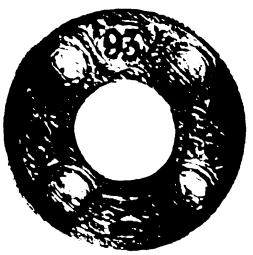
Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the Thin Red Line wishes him long life to wear it. We understand quite a number of recommendations for this decoration were put forward at the recent board on behalf of members of the battalion, and we hope to see their names in Army Orders soon.

Although by this time we are practically settled down at Tempe, there are many rumours of impending changes in the distribution of the Bloemfontein Garrison. It has been settled that a battalion will be stationed at Pietermaritzburg, and that it will be taken from here, so till something definite is announced, the work necessary to adorn our different institutes has been at a stand still.

Mr. E. MacKinlay, late Ninety-Third Highlanders has presented to the Sergeants' Mess an excellent enlargement of a photograph of Major-General W. McBean, V.C. taken in the Curragh in 1877. He has also sent to us, for the acceptance of the Regimental Lodge of Good Templars a photograph of the members of the first I.O.G.T Lodge held in the Ninety Third. This lodge was formed in 1878 and was named "Sutherland Highlanders Lodge No. 106., and Mr. MacKinley, then a Corporal, was the first Chief Templar

At the moment of writing, our January number has not yet arrived from India The publishing of this number is being delayed in the hope of the blocks turning up, but owing to the many difficulties which beset the production of a regimental journal it has naturally to be brought out in arrear, and as duty has been pretty heavy and consequently less leisure for the staff we hope our readers will forgive any ommission which may become apparent to them. While we have every reason to be proud of the financial assistance given to "The Thin Red Line" we would at the same time draw our readers' attention to the notice which appears on page 176, regarding contributions.

We understand that the Army Order just published with reference to the extension of service for pension, has caused some stir, and is affecting recruiting unfavourably, but after all there is not much cause for alarm. Ten per cent is a very fair proportion, and in many units it has not been exceeded under the old regulations. Seventy to eighty deserving men in every battalion will be able to re-engage for twenty-one years, and the great point will be to keep clear of red entries in the Defaulters' Sheet. While the abolition of the Service Pay, and anticipated loss of at least one penny per diem has also caused some grumbling, the scheme of general three years' enlistments made it necessary to hold out a substantial inducement to the soldier to extend his service with the colours to eight years in order to supply drafts to India, and this inducement took the form of "Service Pay" It, however, failed in producing the requisite numbers, and for some time caused considerable difficulty, and it became necessary to reconsider the general question of the soldiers' emoluments. "Proficiency pay" is the result of this: and while the possession of a third class certificate of education and high standard of musketry are necessary to enable the soldier to obtain the highest rate, we feel sure that in a very short time, these conditions will not be, by any means, considered difficult to obtain.



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Hockey.

We have to congratulate "B" (Capt. A. J. Campbell's) Company on their having again won the "Attached Officers' Hockey Cup", this being the third occasion and the second year in succession they have secured the trophy. The tournament may have been shorn of some of its interest this year owing to some of the games having been contested in India and some here, but the semi-final and final yielded some of the most exciting drawn games ever witnessed in the regiment. The final tie between "B" and "D" had to be played three times before either team could gain superiority, and the losers can comfort themselves with the knowledge that they were only beaten on points, their play being quite equal to that of the winners. The following shows the results of previous years:

1902	"B" Company.
1903	"F" Company.
1904	"G" Company.
1905	"B" Company.
1906	"B" Company.

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Football.

The following is the draw for the Army (South Africa) Cup, for which the Regimental Team has entered :

FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS.

(To be played off by 8th June, 1907.)

A. (Pretoria).
2nd Border Regt. v 1st K.O.Y.L.I. (15th May).
2nd Cameron Highlanders v Winner of 1.

B. (Middleburg, Transvaal).
5th M.I. — a bye.

C. (Pochefstroom).
4th Hussars v 58th Coy. R.E.
9th Lancers v 7th Coy. A.S.C.
Winner of 1 v Winner of 2.

D. (Standerton).
1st Loyal North Lancs. v 6th M.I.

E. Harrismith).
2nd M.I. v. 2nd Battn. The Buffs.

F. (Bloemfontein).
93rd Highlanders v 5th Dragoon Guards.
3rd Royal Fusiliers v Winner of 1.

THIRD ROUND.

1. A v B, at Pretoria, 3rd July.
2. C v D, at Johannesburg, 3rd July.
3. E v F, at Harrismith, 3rd July.
Winner of 3 v G, at Bloemfontein, 17th July.
Winner of 1 v Winner of 2, at Joburg, do.

FINAL.

At Pretoria, 31st July, 1907.

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Technical Instruction for Soldiers.

The following are extracts from a Parliamentary paper containing the instructions issued to the various military Commands with reference to giving technical instruction to soldiers to fit them for civil life.

It is proposed that the following experiment, based on the recommendations of the committee, should be attempted in all commands :—In the first place every effort should be made to interest the men in their future prospects. They should be warned that service in the Army and Navy is not a guarantee of civil employment, and that on completion of their term of service they will have to shift for themselves. They should be told that the agencies for the employment of ex-soldiers have to deal with so many cases of men with no special qualifications that they cannot find employment for all, even of those who have good characters In short, everything should be done to make them realise the difficulties which they will have to face, and to render them willing to sacrifice the time and money required for learning a technical trade. The various trades should meanwhile be considered in detail, and it should be ascertained to what extent and at what cost instruction in each could be provided in the particular command. It is suggested that the preliminary arrangements might best be carried out by a committee of officers interested in the subject of technical education, who would not only suggest methods of instruction, but get into touch with the technical institutes of the various cities and towns where soldiers are quartered. The information obtained and the arrangements made in this way would be communicated to the men, who would be given the opportunity of attending a course of instruction in any available trade which they selected. On completion of the course a certificate would be given to each man showing the degree of proficiency he had attained Suitable Trades.—The committee above referred to specified the following trades as generally suitable : Shorthand and typewriting, business correspondence and commercial book-keeping, carpentering, shoeing and blacksmith's work, platelaying and trenching, railway signalling, saddlery, slaughtering sheep and cattle, telegraphy, electrical wiring, driving motor vehicles, farm work and ploughing, driving, care of horses, and harness, motoring. Finance.—Although the Government may perhaps make some contribution towards the initial cost, it is the intention that the men themselves shall bear a portion of the expenses of their own training, their contribution being greater or less according to the trade they select. It is hoped that this necessity for payment will prevent men from taking up the course lightheartedly, and throwing it over before they have obtained enough knowledge to give them any material benefit, a danger which previous experiments have shown to be serious. The basis of payment at one of them, which may be of assistance as a general guide, is as follows. Civilian instructors and examiners are engaged at from 2s. to 4s. an hour : the courses last from eight to twenty weeks, and the subscription of the members varies from 6d. to 1s. a week, except for motoring, where the charge is 4s. 6d per week."

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Home and Depot Notes.

We have to congratulate Major A. Patten, of the Ninety First Highlanders on his recent marriage. The event took place at West Bournemouth, Captain Thorpe officiating as best man. The wedding presents which numbered about 200 included several from brother officers in both battalions.

The manufacture of the new rifle for the Auxiliary Forces will be commenced at Enfield in the ensuing financial year, and it is hoped that some units of Militia, Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteers will be re-armed in about nine or ten months. The authorities have decided to retain in the new rifle the "long" Lee-Enfield barrel, with its uniform grooving, rather than adopt, as in the case of the regular Army, the "short" barrel with its varied grooving, concerning which so much controversy has been waged, but which has, nevertheless, proved itself a very good shooting arm. The sighting of the new rifle will be entirely different, and greatly superior, to that of the weapon it will supersede. It will have the present Lee-Enfield ordinary leaf backsight, with the cap removed, with a slide capable of lateral adjustment for wind by means of a screw head fitted to the right hand side. The foresight will also be capable of lateral adjustment, in this instance by an armourer, as is that of the short rifle, and it will have protecting wings fitted to a ring round the barrel. The actual form of the foresight will be that settled upon for the Mark III short Lee-Enfield.

The King's Birthday will be celebrated at all home stations on Friday June 28th. At all other stations His Majesty's Birthday will be celebrated on Saturday, November 9th.

The War Office has sent to Aldershot for trial and report a consignment of new pattern bayonets for use with the new short rifle. All are very much longer than the sword bayonet now in use, and one is the old-fashioned three-cornered bayonet pattern.

The short rifle has created difficulty in the way of reach, and experiments are now being made at the headquarter gymnasium and in the command with various types of bayonet, including specimens of the American and Japanese kind. Length, lightness, and rigidity are the wants to be filled.

The authorities in amending Para. 2,053, King's Regulations, in the last few days have made some important concessions in the grant of the medal for long service and good conduct to warrant and non-commissioned officers, who were formerly debarred by the Four Reprimands' Rule, which has operated harshly in a good many cases; and they are now placed on the same footing as privates who are debarred by more than six regimental entries only during the last 16 years of their service.

The ten years' rule to qualify for exemplary character has been reduced to nine years for a long service individual, and cases of gallant conduct will in future cancel a corresponding entry in the defaulter sheets, which are to be known as company and regimental conduct sheets, respectively, instead of as at present designated.

A regimental court-martial does not now debar the good conduct medal if the individual is nine years clear, and thus an exemplary character.

After 31st October 1907, no soldier will be allowed to receive Class I Service Pay unless he holds a third class certificate of education. If on that date he does not hold this certificate, he will revert to Class II.

A Committee, which Mr. Haldane recently called into existence to improve the moral welfare of the soldier, is about to make some important recommendations in regard to a soldier's life in barracks. The beer canteen will in all probability give way to a refreshment room, where all kinds of drink will be sold as well as eatables. This system, which has been tried in small units, has been well reported upon. The consumption of beer has been found to be less, whilst the canteen profits have not been materially reduced. Rooms are to be set apart in barracks for the use of choral societies, and friendly soc-societies are to be granted facilities to open military lodges in barracks. The institution of a penny bank is strongly recommended.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it]

That the best country to see sunsets in, is on board ship.
That he's gaun tae get a job on the unemployed when he gangs hame.
That somebody's "column" has been causing a bit o' talk.
That he believes it maun hae "gaun wast."
That it's a pity a wheen mair couldna hae managed it sae weel.
That it lost it'sel between Bombay and Tempe.
But it's here noo, the same as afore.
That it feels the need o' assistance at times.
That the dress for the dance wid be "Serge and Gloves."
That it micht dae for India, but no for Tempe.
That it's heard an awfu' lot o' rumours.
That we are gaun hame.
That we're for Naval Hill.
That we're for Pretoria.
But it hears on good authority that we're for Tempe.
That if this is summer, roll on winter.
That it's a vera sporting place.
That he enjoyed the voyage, bit he wis awfu' seek.
That he heard there were naething bit Scotsmen in Bloemfontein.
That the first man he met wis a Scotsman.
That it wis the Provost Sergeant.
That the draft hae arrived.
That the're very sportin',—(cricket and stamp collecting.)

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Notes.

It is a rule in the London Scottish, that no member can hold a commission unless he has served in the ranks. The practical experience they thus gain proves of the greatest value when they are called upon to command in the field.

An instruction has been received from the War Office, directing medical officers in charge of military hospitals to prescribe whisky instead of brandy in cases where a stimulant is deemed necessary. The reason is that there is a large stock of very old whisky of fine quality on hand at Woolwich, which, it is said, is in almost every respect the equal of brandy from a medicinal point of view. The quality of the hospital whisky promises to soften the rigor of hospital routine, and no doubt many will be anxious to try it.

For the information of those who keep parrots, it is interesting to learn that a famous English judge has decided that a parrot is an animal. In these circumstances "Dugal" "wad like tae ken if "a pum-bee is a bird or a beast." "

A certain N.C.O. of this battalion in a statement of evidence against a defaulter, wrote "on the NIGHT of the —— inst., I was in charge of the defaulters. At 12 NOON I called the roll etc. And he is still wondering where the joke comes in.

Our worthy padre in a recent sermon exhorted his readers to "aim high". This is sound advice if you want to be one of the "upper band", but by "aiming low" and securing twice the number of points your earthly emoluments are less likely to be reduced.

Overheard in the butts:—

Officer checking targets: "I see two bulls, four inners and two outers, where are the remainder of the shots?"

Marker, without hesitation: "Gone west, sir"

The latest from Standerton:

Place—Stable ; Time—Feeding time .

Section Sergeant:—"All fed No. 1."

Chorous of section:—"Well, no hauf, Sairgent."

It was the night of the Balaclava ball and two worthies were discussing the pros and cons of the occasion on an adjoining verandah.

"Whit are the Sairgents celebratin' the nicht?" says Duggie.

"Oh, the Battle of Balaclava" was the reply.

"Ma conscience" said Duggie "them haudin' Balaclava, why the hauf o' them werena' there at a'!"

The foregoing yarn reminds the writer of another one which occurred at a recent dance and

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those of us who know the jovial son of "Kaiserland" referred to will possibly appreciate it.

A well known knight of the camera was standing in conversation with a member of the Sergeants' Mess when the latter said: "What will you do for a reel when the Highlanders are away, Mr. M.?"

Mr. M.—(after a moment's thought, and with a gesture of despair): "Well, I shall hat to dance it myself!"

A recently published order (at Home) provides for the musketry training of companies being continued through the winter and to help this, fires are to be lighted and soup prepared on the range on cold days. It now lies with the battalions abroad to go one better and in order to provide that the Musketry Training in very hot weather should be more appreciated it would be a good plan to provide iced drinks (B. and S. for preference) on the range, to keep the men cool.

The following which did not happen in this battalion, may amuse Anglo-Indians:—

Orderly Sergeant (having just called the roll) "is any one absent beside Pte. Smith?"

A voice: "Pte. Smith—bus."

Orderly Sergeant reports on staff parade: "—Company, two men absent, Pte. Smith and Pte. Bus!"

I hear Pte. "Bus" is still absent.

Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

No. 2507, CORPORAL JAMES STIRLING.

Enlisted at Stirling, November, 1849, for the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders and served with the Regiment for about 12 years. He accompanied the Regiment to the Crimea as one of the Grenadier company and took part in the Battles of Alma and Balaclava, Siege and capture of Sebastopol, Expeditions to Kertch and Yenikale. Was with the Regiment throughout the whole of the Indian Mutiny Campaign, taking part in the Relief of Lucknow, Battle of Cawnpore, Siege and Capture of Lucknow, Battle of Bareilly and other actions in which the Regiment was engaged. He holds the Crimea medal, with clasps for Alma, Balaclava, and Sebastopol; Turkish medal Indian Mutiny medal, with clasps for Relief and Capture of Lucknow. Was invalided home from India in 1861 owing to his eyesight becoming defective and was discharged at Chatham in September of that year. The veteran Grenadier, although now in his 74th year, is still hale and hearty and able to pursue the vocation of private postman for Captain Stirling of Keir, a position he has held for the past twenty years. Although in good health otherwise, the veteran is handicapped by the loss of one eye and the failing sight of the other, but still plods on at his work, a striking example of what can be accomplished by determination. Mr. Stirling, who is a native of Bridge of Allan, though he now resides at Dunblane, has undoubtedly been a fine looking soldier when he wore the Sutherland Tartan. Though 5ft 10½ inches when he enlisted he was posted to a battalion company and had to wait for eighteen months, when he had reached a height of slightly over six feet, before he was judged to be tall enough for the Grenadier Company. This fine old veteran of the "Thin Red Line" is a specimen of the sturdy and independent Sutherland Highlander who upheld the honour of the Regiment in the Crimea and Indian Mutiny.

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The Reduction of the Army.

The considerations of the Committee of Imperial Defence of the garrisons maintained at Colonial stations has enabled the Army Council to make the withdrawal of eight battalions of British Infantry—four from South Africa, two from Malta, one from Gibraltar and one from Ceylon, which will be replaced by a native battalion. On the other hand the establishment of all battalions remaining in the Colonies has been raised from 766 to 840 rank-and-file. This increase in the strength of the 10 battalions remaining in South Africa, together with the addition of a fifth Cavalry regiment there, very largely compensates for the reduction made. The result of these changes is to reduce the number of Line battalions abroad (including India) from 85 to 77, so that, if the present total number of 156 Line battalions were maintained, we should have, for the first time since the Cardwell system was established, a majority (79) at Home. But these eight battalions are not required for the Field Force; their disbandment leaves us with only the manageable number of three two bat-

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talion regiments with both battalions abroad, as against seven in the establishments of 1906-07, and under present conditions the Government considers that their retention on the Home establishment would not have been justified. The realisation of the Cardwell ideal of equal numbers at home and abroad, thus brought within reasonable distance, may not be long delayed. It has also been found possible to remove two Native Indian battalions from Mauritius, one going to Ceylon to replace the British battalion withdrawn and one returning to India, where it is no longer a charge upon Army Votes: and to disband the Chinese Regiment.

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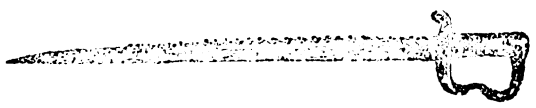

The Diamond City.

A Visit to Kimberley Mine

After climbing about 100 feet, from the top of one of the shafts of the De Beers mine we got a magnificent view of Kimberley, and the surrounding country. The shafts and tailing heaps of the various diamond mines were used during the siege as part of the defences. The town itself is large for this country and if the Boers had taken it into their heads to storm it, it could scarcely have helped having to surrender as the force holding it was too small for effective resistance. However from what I hear the Boers got it into their heads that there were dynamite mines everywhere round the town and did not like the idea of being blown up. (There were no dynamite mines).

One of the sights at Kimberley is Long Cecil, the gun manufactured by the De Beers Mining Company during the siege. The shells which were also made by them were marked with their name on the base and round the end of the base of every shell was engraved: "with C.R.'s compliments": (Cecil Rhodes Compliments). Looking down from the top of the shaft at the mine are noticed the natives' quarters and over the top of two sides was stretched small wire netting to prevent the natives throwing diamonds to their friends in the streets outside, the other sides did not require it as they were alongside the mine property. Looking a bit to one side of the natives quarters was an enormous hole, I suppose six or seven hundred yards across and about 300 feet deep; this for some depth (100 to 150 feet) was of soft blue clay, then hard rock. Underneath this hard rock was originally part of a volcano crater and the whole of the hollow had been at one time practically level but it was discovered that there were diamonds to be found there, so claims were staked out by various persons and worked independently. As the hole was excavated the sides of the soft blue clay kept falling in and the industry practically came to a standstill till Cecil Rhodes amalgamated the claim holders into a company, thus the De Beers mine was formed. The work done by mining the original gallerys of the company so formed, collapsed several years ago, owing to the bad drainage of the water and a lot of men were killed. Now the water is carried off in a proper manner and the mines are worked at over 2,000 feet below the surface. To give one some idea of the extent of the De Beers Mines there is an endless wire rope ten miles long for hauling trucks (i.e. five miles in and five out). After looking at these we went into several engine rooms, one for working the two enormous buckets which bring up the rock and clay from below, tip them up into a shute and then lower down again, working alternately. Another engine room for working the lifts up and down the shaft, a third for pumping compressed air down the mine for drilling the rock and also for ventilation and a fourth for pumping the water away. All of these had their own fascination for those who like machinery. On leaving the machinery we found a trolly drawn by a mule along a small line, waiting in charge of a boy, and getting into this, we drove, I think about three miles, to a place where the rock and clay were broken into small pieces the rock being passed like road metal, through different meshed cylinder shaped sieves the clay being washed and stirred up by a sort of barrow being whirled round in open trays, but we did not see this part working as a belt was being fitted to the machinery which perhaps was rather a good thing in some ways as owing to the noise one would not have been able to hear what the guide was saying if the machinery had been working. After leaving this shed, which in reality was a pile of tin sheds and woodwork, one above the other, and having a look at the engine house here we went into a large enclosure in which were rows of square tanks into which, by some means, the crushed rock etc., was gradually poured and at the same time water was kept pulsating up and down from below through it, causing a slight overflow at the top, which carried off the lighter sand and stones, the remain-

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der was passed through some rollers with water flowing down a series of boards slightly inclined and thickly coated with grease which allowed the stones to pass over it gradually leaving any diamonds that came through stuck in the grease. After this we went into an office and saw men sorting out the results of the grease catch which consisted chiefly as far as I could see, of small diamonds, nails and bits of scrap iron. Finally we were shown about a double handful of rough diamonds of all sorts and sizes from about the size of a pin head.

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The care of Soldiers' Feet.

Extract from the Journal of the Royal United Service Institution.

"Sir,—A famous general is reported to have said that most battles are won on the soldier's stomach; but it would have been equally true if he had said that many battles are won or lost on the soldier's feet.

A soldier is quite unable to make a sudden and vigorous attack after a long forced march if his feet are tired and sore, while statistics of manoeuvres, both at home and abroad, show that a very large percentage of men report sick with sore feet after every march of from fifteen to twenty miles distance, and a still larger proportion of men suffer with sore feet and do not report sick. This large percentage of "innelectives" must considerably minimise the efficiency of the Army in war time, when the result of a battle often turns on the ability of one side to reach a point of vantage before the other, and it stands to reason that, other things being equal, the side with the best conditioned feet will get there first.

The cause of this inefficiency, which I am convinced is greater in our Army than in other large European Armies, is not very hard to find, and is one that if proper measures were taken for the care and preservation of the soldier's feet in peace time would considerably increase the efficiency of our troops in an age when efficiency in every little detail is absolutely essential in order to command success. A recruit on enlistment has, or rather should have, a foot free from deformity or defect, and it is hard to see why his feet should not improve rather than get worse during his period of service. Yet if the feet of any infantry battalion be examined, it is quite unusual to find any man without some slight deformity.

A very obvious cause of foot trouble is the system, or rather want of system, of properly fitting the recruit with boots and socks on enlistment. A recruit on joining a regimental depot is according to its regulations, supplied with two pairs of boots, which are theoretically examined as to fitness by his company officer. The two pairs of boots are to last the recruit for the ensuing year, and taking for granted that the "fitting" of the boots has been conscientiously carried out, it must be remembered that the recruit is as a rule still a boy, and during the year following his enlistment his foot is liable to increase in size, and as a result of this his second pair of boots may be considerably too small for him. To combat this difficulty it is the custom in some depots to supply the recruit with two sizes in boots, his second pair being a size larger than those in use, and although this may to a certain extent overcome the difficulty, it is unfortunate for the boy whose foot doesn't happen to grow to the size of his second pair of boots.

The present "regulation boot" is supplied in 9 sizes and 4 magnitudes, quite sufficient for the fitting of a normal foot, but no proper allowance is made for the soldier having some little individual peculiarity, such as unusually high instep, very small ankle etc., etc., which will render his marching in an unaltered "regulation boot" extremely uncomfortable, but could be easily remedied by a skilled bootmaker.

The system of "special measurements" which is allowed by regulation is unsatisfactory and often useless.

This brings up the question of why it should be more necessary to have a "master tailor" to see to the correct fitting of the recruit's uniform (which any intelligent officer or non-commissioned officer is certainly qualified to do) than to have a "master bootmaker" to properly fit a recruit with boots, and to make any alterations from the "regulation pattern" to suit individual peculiarity.

The correct fitting of boots requires skill and skilled labour should be employed for this purpose. Civilian bootmakers might be enlisted as "master bootmakers" under same conditions as "master cooks" and "armourer sergeants" are now enlisted; they should not be young boys, but should be accepted up to the age of 26 or 28 years, and really good qualified men, even if married, should be accepted. This would admit of men of skill and experience being recruited from

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the largest and best boot firms. They could be made responsible for the correct fitting of the soldier's boots all through his service, and the deformities which one so usually meets in the soldier's foot, as "ingrowing toe nail" "hammer toe" "splay-foot" "flat foot" "bunions" etc., etc., would practically disappear.

Having legislated lor the care and supply of properly fitting boots and socks—I add socks, as they require quite as much attention as the soldier's boots—the next point to consider is the prevention of those common ailments to which the soldier's foot is so liable if not looked after, and also to prepare his feet for the strain of long marches, both on manoeuvres and in war time. In order to successfully carry this out, a more thorough system of regimental chiropodists is necessary; and by "chiropodist" I do not merely mean a man who has been instructed how to cut corns and to trim "toe nails", but a man thoroughly acquainted with all the minor ailments to which a soldier's foot is subject, and fully qualified to treat and prevent these ailments He must be a man able to command authority, and must be "well up in" and take an interest in his job.

Under the present Army Regulation for Chiropodists, one man per infantry battalion or depot, after having obtained a certificate of proficiency in chiropody, may be appointed as battalion chiropodist, with 4d per day extra duty pay, but he will not be struck off any duties. This man is presented with a beautiful case of unnecessary instruments, and is then often left solely to his own devices to do just as much or little work as he likes, which in many cases amounts to absolutely nil. In one infantry battalion I found the chiropodist was doing the duty of "sick orderly", and had been doing so for some years. After enquiring why the chiropodist should do this duty, which kept him all day at the hospital, I was told he was a very old soldier, and that they had made him chiropodist in order to give him the extra pay, but that he never did any chiropody!

To obtain any benefit from chiropodists, one chiropodist per company is necessary. This man should be a lance-corporal or corporal, intelligent carefully trained, and a man who takes interest in his work. His duties should be clearly laid down and explained to him, and every week, ununder the supervision of the company officer, the men should be paraded with bare feet, and he should inspect them as to cleanliness and any tendency to corns, blisters, etc. Any men who are subject to "scalded", "blistered," or fired feet" should be told to "fall out", and afterwards be instructed in the method of preventing their own particular ailment.

Before manoeuvres or active service the chiropodist would issue to all men one of the numerous preparations for hardening the men's feet, and those men who are known by the chiropodist to be subject to any particular kind of "foot trouble" would apply to him daily on the "line of march" for advice and preventative treatment.

A man under these conditions "reports sick" or "falls out" on the line of march with sore feet, and who hasn't previously reported sick to the chiropodist, should be punished, as is the case in the German Army. The great mistake that most people make is to look upon the chiropodist simply as a "cutter of corns" and "trimmer of toe-nails", whilst on the contrary, only on very rare occasions should he perform these duties, but instruct the men how to do it themselves, his great use being to instruct the men how to guard against and prevent every kind of "foot trouble", and to advise and treat any cases of "sore feet" that occur.

Unofficially, and thanks to the aid of a far-seeing adjutant, I was enabled to carry this system of "company chiropodists" into practice during the Salisbury Plain manoeuvres of 1904, and to contrast the result with a regiment in which no trouble was taken to look after the soldier's feet, and in which there was no chiropodist at all.

One instance is absolutely conclusive of the superiority in marching of the battalion with the company chiropodists. A march of about thirty miles was made over bad country, with a bivouac in the middle. Both regiments performed practically the same duties, marched exactly the same distance, and had had the same previous training. The morning following the return to camp, the battalion I had trained in chiropody, and in which the chiropodists had been supplied with powders, ointments, etc., to carry on the march, had 2.5 per cent. per company sick with sore feet, whilst the other battalion had over 25 per cent. per company. These figures are very high, but the men who reported sick were mostly newly-joined recruits and unaccustomed to marching; also it practically represented the sick of two days; but whatever way it is looked at, it shows that much can be done to improve the efficiency of the soldier if proper attention be paid to the care of his feet.

C. R. BRADLEY, Lieut., R.A.M.C.

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Obituary.

No. 6391, PRIVATE W. MELVILLE, "E" COMPANY.

We much regret to record the death of Pte. Melville, a well known member of this battalion, which event occurred on the 12th February 1907, at the Garrison Hospatal, Bloemfontein, the cause being pneumonia. Deceased was only ill for a few days and his sudden passing away came as a surprise to all. The funeral took place to the new cemetery at Rooidam, deceased being the first to be interred there, and a large number of his comrades followed the cortege. We extend to his parents the sympathy of his comrades.

DEATH OF "THE FATHER OF THE REGIMENT."

The funeral took place on 19th February from 8 Donald's Court, Schoolhill, to Trinity Cemetery of No. 1484, Pte. James McCaskill, late 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, whose death occured recently. The funeral was attended by a detachment of the 3rd Battalion Gordon Highlanders under Sergeant Riddell, a number of whom formed the carrying party, while the pipe band of the regiment was also present. The chief mourners were Mr. Samuel McCaskill (son), and Mr. James and Mr. Samuel McCaskill (nephews) and the cortege included a body of old crimean veterans wearing their decorations. The services were conducted by Rev. James Smith, who wore the uniform of chaplain of the R.A.M.C. (v). whose church, St. George's-in-the-west, deceased attended and by his assistant, Rev. W. Metcalfe. As the cortege passed along to the cemetery tc the mournful notes of the pipes and the muffled roll of the drums, large crowds witnessed its passage with sympathetic interest. Among the floral tributes was a wreath which bore the inscription:—"With deepest sympathy from the old Gordons".

Ninety-Third Calendar for April, 1907.

1. M. War Establishment: Russian War Scare, 1878.
2. Tu.
3. W. Emb. W. Indies on board "Orestes" and "Marquis of Huntly" for England, 1834.
4. T. Arrived Portsmouth from Gibraltar on board "Egypt", 1881: to Aldershot. Head Quarters left Bareilly for Chaubattia, 1898.
5. F. Stirling to Edinburgh, 1850. Depot of 56th Brigade (92nd and 93rd) formed at Aberdeen.
6. S. Left Malta for Galipoli, 1854. Left Galipoli for Crimea. Troopship "Kangaroo" 1854. Joined General Walpole's Force for campaign in Rohilcund, 1858.
7. S. Furlough draft arrived, Nowshera, 1896.
8. M.
9. Tu. Head-Quarters arrived at Chaubattia, 1898. Lieut.-General Sir F. W. Traill-Burroughs, K.C.B., d. 1905.
10. W. 2nd Battalion arrived at Gravesend, 1841. Annual Highland Games, Nowshera, 1896, Physical Drill Shield won by "H" Company.
11. T. Arrived Galipoli from Malta, 1854.
12. F. Tug-of-War Shield won by "D" Company, Nowshera, 1896.
13. S. Short Lee-Enfield Rifle issued, 1905.
14. S.
15. M. Edinburgh to Glasgow, 1851.
16. Tu. Bri.-Genl. Adrian Hope k. Royah, 1858.
17. W.
18. T. "E" Company, winners of Football League. Nowshera, 1896. Inspection by Bri.-Genl. St John Michell Fancourt, Ranikhet, 1900.
19. F. "E" Coy., win shooting Shield, Poona, 1905.
20. S.
21. S. "F" Coy., win Football League, Poona, 1905.
22. M.
23. Tu. 2nd Battalion under Maj. William Wemyss emb. Gosport, Troopships "William Hethcote" and "Mariner" for Newfoundland. 1814.
24. W.
25. T. Cape of Good Hope for England, Troopships "Baring", "Preston" and "Norfolk" 1814, 453 1st class A.R., joined (200 transferred to 91st) Russian War Scare, 1879.
26. F.
27. S. Lootwallah Scare, Nowshera, 1897.
28. S.
29. M.
30. Arrived Shahjahanpur with Rohilkund Force 1858.

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Letters to the Editor.

The Royal Military College,
Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

To the Editor of the
"Thin Red Line,"

Sir,—Excuse the Liberty I am taking, but I venture to think that it will interest some of the readers of your paper to know that we have a fine old soldier of the 91st employed here as a Barrack Laborour, who is now 65 years of age and has been employed here for ten years. He is No. 249, Pte. J. Sharpe, 91st Foot. He enlisted for the 91st Foot at Portsmouth on the 4th of June 1859 and was sent to Pembroke Dock, and then to Chatham, from which station he left for India, with a Draft to join the Regiment, which was stationed in the Madras Presidency. He landed at Vizapatam and marched to Kamptee. The officer Commanding the 91st then was Col. B. Gordon; the 2nd in Command was Col. Patterson. Pte. Sharpe's Company Officers were Lieutenants Perkins and Buller. The Sergeant-Major was named Ware.

Mr. Sharpe was invalided from India in 1865 and discharged with a pension of 7 pence per diem for 18 months. He then joined the London Police Force, served 3 years and then left to join the 1st class Army Reserve. Called up in April 1871 on account of Russian-Turkish War, and posted to 99th Regiment at Chatham, but was disembodied the same year.

Mr. Sharpe was finally discharged from the Army in 1881, with a Good Character, and 3 Good Conduct Badges, after 16 years service. On attaining the age of 50, Mr. Sharpe was awarded a pension of 4 pence per diem.

Mr. Sharpe takes a great interest in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. One of his most cherished belongings, is the famous picture of the Thin Red Line receiving the charge of the Russians on the Heights of Balaclava.

Hoping this may be of some interest to your readers, I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,
J. Keith, Late 79th.

The Kilt in Calcutta.

To those of us who served in Calcutta it is interesting to learn that steps are being taken with a view to the formation of a Scottish Company of Volunteers to be arrayed in Highland dress, and while it is quite possible that the "Garb of old Gaul" would bring out the martial and perhaps sartorial enthusiasm of the resident Scottish community ("and others" as the babu said) as we have said before, it really seems to us that the very varied opportunities of serving the King which are given by the existing corps scarcely requires further enlargement, particularly when we have regard to the fact that some of them might well be greatly stronger than they are.

The proposal, however, recalls the fact that Colonel Binning, at that time a company officer, served with a Scottish Company in the old Presidency Volunteer Reserve Battalion. There were too many chiefs among the clans in those days, with the usual result. One humorous reminiscence is that of an enthusiastic officer of the Company who was also a perpetrator of pipe music and resident in the Great Eastern Hotel. On a festival day the commissioned piper, having perchance supped of Atholl brose, or mayhap the mountain Dew undiluted, paraded the corridors in full panoply, blowing "lit to bust 'isself." This no doubt charmed the Scots, but it happened that a General Officer of heavy calibre was one of the residents. General Chutney arose in his wrath and ordered the piper to cease firing. The piper, possibly unaware of the weight of the opposing artillery, invited the General to take a trip to an even warmer climate than Calcutta. Then the row began. The commissioned piper was dealt with by "superiority authority", and, it is said, to his discomfiture.

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The following figures for 1906, which are taken from the estimates shew the relative strength and cost of the principal European Armies:

France	662,642*	£32,470,698
Germany	614,358§	36,770,882
Russia	1,225,000	39,878,281
United Kingdom	196,600‡	25,301,0 0

* Inclusive of Colonial Army.
§ Exclusive of 9,500 one year Volunteers.
‡ Regular Forces (Exclusive of India and the Army Reserve).
‖ Inclusive of cost of Reserve.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

Extracts from "The London Gazette."

PRINCESS LOUISE'S (ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND) HIGHLANDERS:

Captain J. B. GILLATT resigns his Commission 2nd January, 1907.

Lieut. O. C. HERBERT, to be Adjutant vice Lieutenant J. Kennedy who has vacated that appointment 22nd December, 1906.

Captain D. DARROCH, to be Adjutant 4th (Stirlingshire) Volunteer Battalion, vice Captain C. A. H. Maclean who has completed his period of appointment.

2nd Lieutenant H. de B. PURVES, from 3rd Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders on first appointment.

3rd (RENFREWSHIRE) VOL. BATTN. ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS William Beattie to be Quartermaster with the Hon. rank of Lieutenant, 16th November, 1906.

PROMOTIONS.

TO BE SERGEANT:

No. 7501, Lce.-Sergt. J. McKinlay, "C" Coy., 25th January, 1907.

TO BE CORPORALS:

No. 6009, Lce.-Cpl. D. Birrell, "C" Coy., 11th December, 1906.

No. 7969, Lce.-Cpl. G. Stewart, "B" Coy., 25th January, 1907.

APPOINTMENTS.

TO BE PAID LANCE-SERGEANT:

No. 5865, Cpl. F. Johnston, "A" Coy., 25th January, 1907.

TO BE PAID LANCE-CORPORALS:

No. 5551, Lce.-Cpl. W. Montgomery, "E" Coy., 11th December, 1906.

No. 7916, Lce.-Cpl. J. McMath, "G" Coy., 29th December, 1906.

No. 8010, Lce.-Cpl. W. McQueen, "D" Coy., 24th January, 1907.

No. 9078, Lce.-Cpl. G. Dryden, "G" Coy., 31st January, 1907.

TO BE PROVISIONAL LANCE-CORPORALS:

No. 9247, Pte C. Fraser, "D" Coy., 8th Feb.
No. 9216, Piper A. Milton, "B" Coy., 5th Feb
No. 9306, Pte A. Miller, "H" Coy., 5th Feb.

TO BE REGIMENTAL GYMNASTIC INSTRUCTOR.

No. 6295, Lce.-Sgt. W. Alder, "B" Coy.

TO BE ASSISTANT REGTL. INSTRUCTOR IN GYMNASTICS'

No. 5551, Lce.-Cpl. W. Montgomery, "E" Coy.

TO BE SECOND ASST. REGT. INSTRUCTOR IN GYMNASTICS:

No. 7500, Lce.-Cpl. A. Ballantine, "B" Coy.

TO BE ASSISTANT SCHOOLMASTERS:

No. 4619, Lce.-Cpl W. McKinnon, "G" Coy.
No. , Lce.Cpl. J. Eaglesham, "H" Coy.

TO BE ACTING DRUMMERS:

No. 9578, Pte. A. Murray, "F" Coy.
No. 10102, Pte. W. Black, "D" Coy.
No. 10071, Pte. W. Cumming, "H" Coy.
No. 10090, Pte. J. Motion, "H" Coy.

TO BE ACTING PIONEER:

No. 9866, Pte. C. Gow, "H" Coy.

SERVICE PAY.

Granted and Increased.

Class I, at Sevenpence:

No.9158, Pte. R. Charles, "A" Coy.
No. 9278, Pte. P. Gunn, "A" Coy.
No. 9343, Pte. D. Wilson, "B" Coy.
No. 8208, W. Stirling, "D" Coy.
No.6879, Lce.-Cpl. D. Clarke, "G" Coy.
No. 8281, Lce.-Cpl. J. Tunstall, "F" Coy.
No. 7738, Pte. A. McInnes, "H" Coy.

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TWO G. C. BADGES:

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No.7827, Pte. W. Beattie, "A" Coy.
No.6207, Pte. J. Prain, "A" Coy.
No. 9158, Pte. R. Charles, "A" Coy.

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No. 7296, Pte. W. Reid, "B" Coy.
No. 8208, Pte. W. Stirling, "D" Coy.
No. 7414, Lce.-Cpl. W. McLaren, "D" Coy.
No. 9160, Pte. A. Galbraith, "C" Coy.
No. 7218, Pte. J. Graham, "E" Coy.
No. 6391, Pte, H. Melville, "E" Coy.
No. 8032, Pte. D. Cargill, "E" Coy.
No. 8281, Lce.-Cpl. J. Tunstall, "F" Coy.
No. 6879, Lce.-Cpl. D. Clark, "G" Coy.
No. 9233, Pte. J. Bowe, "H" Coy.
No. 5733, Lce.-Cpl. J. Dawson, "H" Coy.

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No. 9673, Pte. J. Shirra, "A" Coy.
No. 9685, Pte. T. Leishman, "A" Coy.
No. 9662, Pte. J. Henderson, "B" Coy.
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No. 8073, Lce.-Cpl. W. Fleming, "G" Coy.
No. 9470, Pte. G. Shaw, "G" Coy.
No. 9610, Pte. A. Annandale, "G" Coy.
No. 9686, Pte. G. Faichney, "G" Coy.
No. 9687, Pte. D. Gerry, "G" Coy.
No. 9690, G. Mochan, "G" Coy.
No. 7955, A. McMillan, "G" Coy.
No. 9667, Pte. J. Brown, "H" Coy.
No. 9664, Bandsman W. Lawrie, "H" Coy.
No. 9665, Bandsman J. Corbett, "H" Coy.

CERTIFICATES.

School of Musketry, dated Satara, 22nd Oct, 1906

No. 5736, Sgt. G. McQueen, "F" Coy. (Distinguished.)
No. 5219, Sgt. M. Sutherland, "A" Coy.

Acting Schoolmaster's Certificate.

No. 9199, Lce.-Cpl. A. Maun, "A" Coy.

2nd. Class Certificate of Education.

No. 9812, Pte. R. Graham, "A" Coy.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Draft from 1st Battalion ex "Braemar Castle" taken on strength from 5th February, 1907:—

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9031, Pte. W. McKay.	9673, Pte. J. Shirra.
9636, Pte. J. White.	9762, Pte. N. Whyte.
9714, Pte. R. Chalmers.	9846, Pte. J. Crewe.
9812, Pte. R. Graham.	10024, Pte. W. Lucas
9885, Pte. G. Stratford.	10088, Pte. J. McDonald
10073, Pte. J. Anderson.	10150, Pte. H. Johnston
10112, Pte. J. Kelly.	10091, Pte. A. Evans.
10020, Pte. R. Braund.	10137, Pte. T. Sim.
10155, Pte. J. Armour.	9838, Pte. A. Baillie.
10159, Pte. D. Gorman.	10134, Pte. J. Lyall.
10065, Pte. J. Keith.	

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10023, Pte. T. McGowan	9576, Pte. J. Campbell.
8347, Pte. D. McDonald	9704, Pte. J. Craig.
9662 Pte. J. Henderson.	9834, J. Fowler.
9809, Pte. S. Mustard.	10012, Pte. D. Duncan.
9875, Pte. H. McColl.	10067, Pte. S. Campbell.
10042, Pte. R. Smith.	10105, Pte. H. McLean.
10086, Pte. A. Smith.	10147, Pte. B. Mcallister.
10131, Pte. R. Reid.	10089, G. Campbell.
10096, Pte. G. Dickson.	9759, Pte. D. Kerr.
10013, Pte. A. Young.	9426, Pte. H. Kelly.
10151, Pte. J. Morton.	10135, Pte. A. Young.
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9563, Pte. D. Leitch.	10040, Pte. J. Melrose.
10059, Pte. J. Trayner.	10064, Pte. R. Dick.
7861, Pte. W. Rae.	10084, Pte. W. Mantle.
9568, Pte. P. O'Connell.	10102, Pte. W. Black.
9309, Pte. G. Ryan.	10129, Pte. H. Yardley.
9522, Pte. P. Smith.	10145, Pte. J. McGowan
10031, Pte. G. Allan.	9247, Pte. C. Fraser.
7443, Pte. J. Rogan.	10087, Pte. J. Spencer.
9634, Pte. A. Scott.	10109, Pte. J. Gow
9693, Pte. W. McCraken	10133, Pte. A. Scott.
9745, Pte. J. Thompson.	10149, Pte. C. McPhie.
9804, Pte. G. O'Hara.	9652, Pte. J. Wallace.

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Pte. W. Nelson.

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Embarked for England on 4th, January, 1907,

For Discharge, on completion of 21 years Service

No. 2144, Cr.-Sergt., F. W. Clarke, "A" Coy.

For Transfer to Permanent Staff.

No. 5645, Sergt. H. Bracken, "H" Coy.
No. 5945, Sergt. A. McRae, "E" Coy.

As Invalids.

No. 8814, Pte. C. Riddell, "F" Coy.
No. 7177, Pte. W. Reid, "D" Coy.
No. 7781, Pte. J. McCune, "E" Coy.
No. 10128, Pte. H. Hurkett, "A" Coy.

Discharged in India.

No. 5340, Pte. M. Fogg, "G" Coy.

Embarked for England, 16th December, 1907.

No. 7382, Pte. J. McWilliams, "D" Coy.

Discharged as Medically unfit, 23rd Jan., 1907.

No. 6386, Sgt. J. Dougall, "D" Coy.

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Domestic Occurences.

BIRTH.

CAMPBELL.—At Poona on the 30th January, 1907, to the wife of Lance Sergeant C. Campbell, "E" Company, Ninety Third Highlanders, a son, COLIN.

DEATH.

MELVILLE,—At the General Hospital, Bloemfontein, on the 12th February, 1907, No. 6391, Private William Melville, "E" Coy., Ninety-Third Highlanders.

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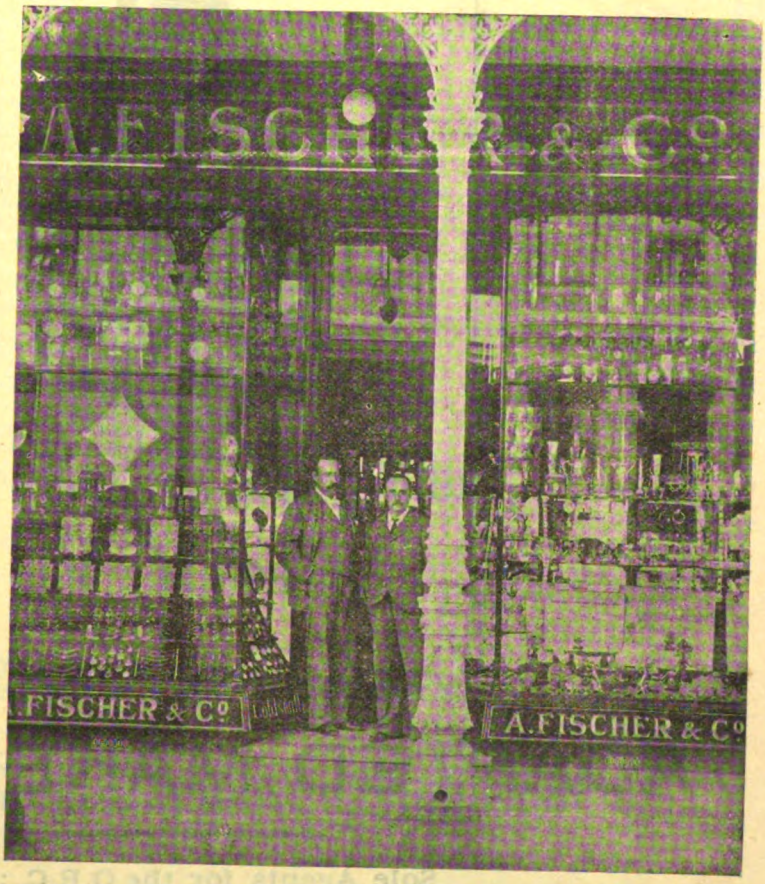

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SKIRLS

The battalion has sufficiently settled down to enable a commencement to be made on the Musketry Course for the year 1907. "A" Company, (Captain McCandlish) and "E" Company, (Captain Glasford) have been exercised and the results of their experiences under the new conditions appear on another page.

Captain C. A. H. Maclean of Pennycross rejoined the battalion during the month, and took over the Command of "H" Company. Captain Maclean was accompanied by Mrs. Maclean whose presence will be much appreciated, her interest in the battalion being well remembered. Before leaving home, Captain Maclean was the recipient of many expressions of esteem from those who served in the Stirlingshire Volunteers, Colonel Simpson's order on the subject being a very eulogistic one.

Owing to the death of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General Sprot, the officers of the battalion wore mourning for fourteen days. Much speculation is being indulged in as to who our next Colonel will be, several well known names being mentioned.

Major A. E. J. Cavendish, C.M.G., and Captain D. J. Glasford have been selected to take part in a staff ride, to take place under the direction of the G.O.C., O.R.C. District, during April.

The Annual Regimental Games took place on 21st and 22nd March, and an account of them appears in this number.

Lieut.-General Sir H. Hildyard, K.C.B. General Officer Commanding in Chief paid an informal visit to the battalion on the 5th March. He inspected the draft at Gymnastics under Lance-Sergeant Alder and expressed himself favourably regarding their appearance.

Since the completion of their period of isolation, the draft have been hard at work on gymnastics and drill before being put to duty.

The browning of the rifles and sword bayonets of the battalion has commenced, a very

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necessary proceeding, as blackening of sights is one of the many little things prohibited in this country.

Armourer Q.M.S. Fisher has not remained long with the battalion, his name having appeared for invaliding. Armourer Sergeant Heath has been posted in his stead.

It is proposed to hold a Garrison Sports Meeting on a large scale early next month. Captain McCandlish and Sergeant Markey have been selected to represent the battalion, and we believe entries have been made for nearly every event, and some good contests may be expected.

A detachment of 132 N.C.O's and men under Captain A. J. Campbell took part in the consecration of the New Cemetry at Rooidam on 15th March.

A team from the battalion has been entered for the Transvaal Bisley, which takes place in April.

Captain J. Campbell, Staff Captain on the Intelligence Branch of the Chief of the Staff, Simla, has been appointed a Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster General.

Captain M. McNeill, D.S.O., who recently went on the retired list, paid a visit to the battalion and spent a few days before proceeding on a shooting expedition up country. Another visitor to the battalion was Mr. Robert Allan of the Natal Police. Mr. Allan was at one time Sergeant of the Ninety-Third and left it about 1880. We hope our old comrade was satisfied with his welcome, and we are always glad to meet in this way, with any old members of the battalion.

Since our arrival, the band have had a good deal of playing out and everywhere they have gone, have met with a good reception. Monday night is now the occasion of discussing the latest music outside the regimental institute. On the occasion of the Easter Services for children at St Johns, Bloemfontein, the string band led the praise, their appearance being much appreciated.

Privates Reilly and Caskie have entered for the Army and Navy Boxing Championships which take place at Pretoria.

At the Sports of the Welsh Regiment, held on Saint David's Day, Piper Kean secured first in the open mile and a third place in the open quarter, these being the only open events.

Private Brown of "H" Company secured the first place in the 3 miles open race at the sports of the 5th Dragoon Guards.

From Standerton we learn that in a competition held for the best turn-out of one group of four men per company, "C" Company were successful in gaining first place, the team being Ptes Bell, Pagan, Donaldson, and Riddell, while at Standerton Agricultural Show Private Bell and Private Stephen obtained first and second place respectively for the best turn out (mounted). At their Regimental Games, Sergeant McKinlay won the Sergeants' Race, while the tug-of-war team were defeated in the final pull, by the Cameron's team. If our correspondent with the M.I. Company should, at any time, have a photograph of the Company, mounted on parade we shall make an endeavour to have it reproduced.

The Editor is making arrangements to have photo-supplements issued occasionally as was the custom in India.

We learn with pleasure that the Commanding Officer has purchased a sub-target rifle which will be fitted up in the Games Club, a hut having been secured for use in this direction. The necessity for being a first class shot in order to secure the full rate of service pay has already been brought home to some unfortunates already and the fortune of war as regards weather and indifferent ammunition is bound to hit some rather hard. To be a first-class shot is not, however, too hard to try for, and as it is impossible for all to shoot on equal terms, the best thing to do then is by constant practice at the sub-target and plenty of muscle drill, put yourself beyond the power of the weather to reduce your income.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess met their comrades of the Welsh Regiment at a Smoking Concert, organised by the former to recognise the kindness of the latter on our arrival at Tempe. Sergeant-Major Ditcham, accompanied by Sergeant-Major Holt, presided, and a most enjoyable night was all too quickly passed in song and story. Once the hard work of company training is over we hope to often meet the members of the 69th Mess in sport.

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With this number Volume XII is completed. As in former years bound volumes will be on sale at the usual price to Non-commissioned officers and men of 4s. As the demand for our last volume was greater than the supply, will intending subscribers kindly give their names to their Company agent.

The volume contains nine large illustrations, over twenty others, and is an interesting record of our last year in India.

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Annual Games.

The Annual Regimental Games took place on the 21st and 22nd March. Owing to our own playing fields not being in proper order, the ground of the Welsh Regiment was requisitioned for the occasion, and everything was precursive of a successful meeting, when the rain came down, and damped most of the enthusiasm we had been bottling up for the occasion. The tug-of-war, piping and dancing were postponed to a later date and though the soft ground and disagreeable atmosphere necessarily interferred with the success of the events which were brought off, some interesting contests were witnessed.

The novices events brought out some fresh blood in Corporals Maun and McKilligan, their running being very fine. The open 220, and open mile went to the Royal Engineers and Welsh Regiments respectively. The Veterans race was as usual productive of much merriment, this year's winner and several others having entered for the first time. The officers' race (got up by someone evidently tired of the present rate of promotion) was exciting while it lasted. Colonel Paterson led nearly all the way, Mr. Falconar Stewart, the winner only securing his place in the last few yards. The shoe race was very amusing, the attempts of the competitors to find their shoes among the heap being much enjoyed.

Both Officers and Sergeants were "at home" during the meeting, while the band under Bandmaster Walsh played an excellent programme during the dryer intervals of the second day. At the conclusion Colonel Paterson presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

COMMITTEE.

President.

Major A. E. J. Cavendish, C.M.G.

MEMBERS.

Captain P. D. McCandlish, Lieut. and Adjt. O. C. Herbert, Lieut. A. E. Kennedy, 2nd Lieut. R. G. Maclaine.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

"A" Coy. Sgt. Young; "B" Coy. Lce.-Sgt. Adler; "D" Coy. Cpl. Swan; "E" Coy. Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery; "F" Coy. Sgt. Markey; "G" Coy. Pte. Benson; "H" Coy. Cr.-Sgt. J. Ewan.

The following are the results:—

1. PLACE KICK.

1. Pte. McKay, "G" Coy.; 153 ft. 5 in.
2. Pte. Algar, "G" Coy.; 153 ft. 5 in.
3. Pte. Alexander, "G" Coy. ;

2. THROWING CRICKET BALL.

1. Pte. McInnes, "H" Coy.; 100 yards.
2. Lce.-Cpl. Hempseed, "F" Coy.
3. Pte. Evans, "A" Coy.

3. HOP, STEP AND JUMP.

1. Lce.-Sgt. Galbraith, "D" Coy.; 36ft. 7in.
2. Piper Kean, "F" Coy.
3. Pte. Mulholland, "G" Coy.

4. 100 YARDS (Novices).

1. Lce.-Sgt. Galbraith, "D" Coy.
2. Cpl. Maun, "A" Coy.
3. Lce.-Cpl. McKilligan, "G" Coy.

5. THROWING 16lb. HAMMER.

1. Bandsman Darwood, "E" Coy., 100 feet
2. Sergt. Young, "A" Coy.
3. Lce.-Sgt. Alder, "B" Coy.

6. LONG JUMP.

1. Lce.-Sgt. Galbraith, "D" Coy.
2. Lce.-Sgt. Alder, "B" Coy.
3. Pte. Mulholland, "G" Coy.

8 HALF MILE (Novices).

1. Lce.Cpl. McKilligan, "G" Coy.
2. Pte. Caskie, "H" Coy.
3. Pte. Craig, "B" Coy.

9. OLD SOLDIERS' RACE.

1. Cr.-Sgt. J. Ogg, "D" Coy.
2. Sgt.-Major Dicham.
3. Q.M.S. W. R. Weller.

10. HIGHLAND FLING (Novices)

1. Lce.-Cpl. Tunstall, "F" Coy.
2. Piper Stewart, "E" Coy.
3. Lce.-Cpl. Johnston, "D" Coy.

11 HALF MILE.

1. Piper Kean, "F" Coy.
2. Dr. Aitchison, "B" Coy.
3. Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, "H" Coy.

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12. N. C. O's. RACE.

1. Cpl. Maun, "A" Coy.
2. Lce.-Cpl. W. J. McKilligan.
3. Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, "H" Coy.

13. PUTTING THE SHOT.

1. Pte. Caskie, "H" Coy.
2. Bandsman Darwood, "E" Coy.

14. HIGH JUMP.

1. Pte. Mulholland, "G" Coy.; 4ft. 10½in.
2. Pte. Caskie. "H" Coy.
3. Sgt. Markey, "F" Coy.

15. QUARTER MILE.

1. Piper Kean, "F" Coy.
2. Dr. Aitchison, "B" Coy.
3. Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, "H" Coy.

16. TOSSING THE CABER.

1. Lce.-Cpl. McLaren, "D" Coy.
2. Pte. Caskie, "H" Coy.

17. 100 YARDS RACE.

1. Piper Kean, "F" Coy.
2. Cpl. Maun, "A" Coy.
3. Dr. Aitchison, "B" Coy.

18. ONE MILE (Open to Garrison).

1. Dr. Sullivan, The Welsh Regiment.
2. Pte. Callaghan, The Welsh Regiment.
3. Pte. Hindle, 5th D. Guards.

19. SHOE RACE.

1. Piper Bain.
2. Pte. McLean.
3. Pte. Campbell.

20. 220 YARDS. (Open to Garrison).

1. Pte. Churchill, R.E.
2. Pte. Kingston, 5th Dg. Guards.
3. Cpl. Richardson, 5th Dg. Guards.

21. BAND RACE (With Instruments).

1. Lce.-Cpl. Quinn.
2. Bandsman Darwood.
3. Bandsman Walsh.

The Company reel sets and open dancing was brought off on Saturday, 23rd March, on the parade ground. The judges were Colonel Paterson and Captain Robertson, Cameron Highlanders. Reel teams were entered from "A" "B", "E" and "G" Companies and after a spirited contest "E" Company's team were adjudged the winners with "A" Company second.

Teams: 1st. Pipers McDonald, Millar, Stewart, and Private Taylor.

2nd. Lce.-Cpl. R. Gunn, Ptes. White, McPhee and Fulton.

The open dancing produced a few outside competitors, particularly one from the 5th Dragoon Guards, who secured a place. The results were:

HIGHLAND FLING (Open)

1. Pipe Major Lynch.
2. Piper A. Millar.
3. Piper W. McDonald.

SWORD DANCE.

1. Pipe Major Lynch.
2. Cpl. Pollok, 79th.
3. Trooper Fife, 5th Dragoon Guards.

The piping and tug-of-war are being brought off on a later date.

What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it]

That things are beginning to get settled up.

That some folk have vera little to come.

That if you don't believe me, ask Bubbles.

That it's bully for tinned meat tomorrow.

That the biscuits were rale guid—(for firewood).

That the rainy season seems lang o' gaun awa.

That they never had the like o't before.

That musketry is nae joke here.

That a wheen o' tippences hae gone west.

That a favourite week end resort is Monument Hill.

That its no aye cheap though.

That the sports were drooned out.

That the start he got wis a year for every yaird o' his service.

That the "auld yins" race garred him gang on the tack for twa days afore it.

That his company's rifles were being browned BLACK.

That the orderly officer's horse is a mule.

That "D.D." sometimes means more than you think.

That "T's" running in the N.C.O's race wis magnificent.

That it was jist as if he had time for yin mair.

That it was a pity it was sae wet.

That there was a wheen o' dry folk aboot whatever.

That No. 1 condition was flat order.

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Bloemfontein.

Bloemfontein, though it is the capital of the Orange River Colony, is a comparatively young city, only dating back to 1845 or thereabouts. Two years ago its population was 12,000 of whom 4,000 were coloured, and at the present day these figures will probably have increased. It is situated in the heart of the Colony, and from Cape Town the distance by rail is 750 miles, Port Elizabeth 450, East London 400. The city appears either to have received its name from a farmer named Bloem on whose lands the town now stands and from a spring still in existence on his farm, or from "Bloem", the Dutch for flower and "fontein" meaning fountain. It is of practically no historical importance, the only fighting being a battle between the British troops and the Boers under Pretorious, 1848, the victory of the British resulting in the establishment of a military garrison and the formation of the Orange River Sovereignity. Subsequently the British Government gave over the administration of the country which then became the Orange Free State, with the headquarters of its government in Bloemfontein. The railway communication was opened in 1890 and owing to the opening up of the Kimberley fields and the agricultural nature of the surrounding district it became a place of considerable commercial importance. It suffered little during the late war, being occupied by Lord Roberts on 13 March, 1900, and though under Martial Law for some time, trade was still carried out.

It is reputed a healthy city being situated 4518 feet above sea level. It has been well laid out, and has a good supply of water obtained from a point on the Modder River about 14 miles from town, the old waterworks at Sannas Post having been discarded for the present. It has a good system of electricity, and the sewerage scheme is considered the best of any inland town in South Africa.

As regards the military side of Bloemfontein, it may be reckoned a garrison of more than local importance. It has two infantry battalions, one cavalry regiment an artillery brigade, companies of R.E., A.S.C., A.O.D., and R.A.M.C. The staff and headquarters offices are all on Naval Hill, overlooking the town and when the Ninety-Third arrived the Norfolk Regiment were also on Naval Hill with the 5th Dragoon Guards, The Welsh Regiment Artillery etc., and ourselves at Tempe. Since then, the Norfolks have moved to Pietermaritzburg, and one company of the Welsh have gone to Naval Hill in their stead.

Tempe, where our "barracks" are situated is about 3½ miles from Bloemfontein and stands on much higher ground. The main road between the town and our barracks is of the class known in India as "Kutcha", only sometimes worse. It is almost impossible for cycling, and in wet weather the "bus" service which is supposed to be hourly is sometimes suspended until the road gets harder.

Our huts, each accommodating 31 men with a Sergeants' quarters at the end, are made of the ubiquitous galvanised iron lined with wood, and as there are no stoves and the nights are getting colder we are shuddering to think of their condition when the frost sets in. The institutes are smaller than we have been accustomed to and barring the town, there are few ways of spending the evening comfortably.

Obituary.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL J. SPROT.

We deeply regret to record the death of Major-General and Honorary Lieut.-Genl. John Sprot, the esteemed Colonel-in-chief of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the sad event occurring at his residence Riddell, Lilliesleaf, Roxburgh on the 19th March, 1907.

Genl. Sprot, who was gazetted Colonel of the Regiment just over a year ago, viz. 9th April, 1905 always took a great interest in the doings of both battalions, and recently presented to each a silver cup to be competed for annually in a shooting competition.

His record of service dates from 19th September 1848 when he joined the 83rd (Country Dublin) Regiment, now the 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles.

On promotion to Major on the 22nd January, 1867 he went on half pay and on returning to the Colours on 31st July 1869 he joined the Ninety-First. He succeeded to the command of the battalion on 29th January 1870 and remained in command until 30th December, 1875. He was afterwards appointed to the staff and promoted Major General on 11th July 1885. On retiring on 19th October 1887, he was given the Honorary rank of Lieutenant General.

General Sprot was the author of several useful treatisis on military subjects, and at the time of his death was engaged on his interesting autobiography, a review of the first volume hav-

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ing appeared in our February issue.

PIPE MAJOR ARCH. FERGUSON.

We give the following extract from "The Rothesay Express" recording the death and funeral of the late Pipe Major Ferguson, the news of which sad event being received with great regret in the Ninety Third where he spent so many years.

"The remains of Pipe Major Archd. Ferguson of the 4th A. & S. Highlanders, at Paisley, were interred in Kingarth Churchyard on Saturday with military honours. Deceased, who was about 38 years of age, was found drowned in the canal near Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, on Wednesday last. He had been on a friendly visit to the sergeants' mess at Maryhill on 12th March, and had not been seen from that date. It is surmised that, after leaving the barracks, he missed his way in the dark and accidentally fell into the canal. Owing to a throat affection from which he suffered in India his voice was extremely weak, so that his cries for assistance could not be heard. He was a son of the late Mr. Archibald Ferguson, an employee of the Bute Estate, and was born at Piperhall. As a young lad he enlisted in the 93rd Highlanders, in which he rose to the coveted position of Pipe-Major, shortly after going to India, where he spent about fifteen years with his regiment. About two years ago he came home, having transferred to the Militia depot at Paisley as successor to Pipe-Major John Mackay, now of the Liverpool Scottish. Ferguson was an exemplary soldier, and was a favourite with his comrades of all ranks, and indeed with everyone who knew him. Had he lived till August next he would have completed his 21 years period of service and would have been entitled to retire on pension. During his absence in India he took part in the Tochi Valley campaign some years ago, and had the medal. His untimely death is sincerely regretted, and the greatest sympathy has been expressed for his widowed mother and brothers and sisters, all of whom are much respected in the parish.

The funeral on Saturday was of the most impressive character. The remains were accompanied by about thirty officers and non-commissioned officers from the depots at Stirling and Paisley, with four regimental pipers. They travelled by the G. & S. W. train via Fairlie, and landed from the steamer Vulcan at Kilchattan pier shortly after noon. The steamer had her flags half-mast, and the flag at the pier was also half-mast. The coffin, wrapped in the Union Jack and covered with several handsome wreaths, was carried ashore on the shoulders of eight sergeants. They were under the command of Capt. Williamson, of the Paisley Depot, and with their feather bonnets presented a splendid appearance. As the melancholy procession wended its way slowly round the Bay to the plaintive strains of the pipes, the scene in the brilliant sunshine was extremely affecting, and more especially when passing the North Bay, where the deceased's mother resides. She, along with her daughters, were outside and viewed the proceedings from a distance. When approaching the churchyard the pipes struck up "The Land o' The Leal." The coffin was lowered into the grave by a brother and other relatives, the military and other mourners standing round. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jeffrey, U.F. Church, Kilchattan Bay, concluding with an appropriate prayer, after which the pipers played "Lochaber No More," thus paying their last tribute of respect to their deceased Pipe Major and comrade.

GENERAL, THE HON. SIR ROBT. ROLLO.

There died at his residence in Bournemouth, on the 25th February, at the great age of 93, General the Hon. Sir Robert Rollo, K.C.B., Colonel of the Black Watch, and at one time Colonel of the Ninety-Third Highlanders. General Rollo served with great distinction with the 42nd in the Crimean Campaign, and on returning from active service entered on a brilliant staff career until promoted General in 1880, when he was appointed to the honorary Colonelcy of the Ninety-Third Highlanders. He remained Colonel until 1888 when he relinquished it to take up the honorary distinction with his old corps.

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Hockey.

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We learn that there is a Hockey League open to Military and Civilian teams in Bloemfontein, and as the Ninety-Third eleven has always acquitted itself well in Indian Hockey circles we have every confidence in its so doing here.

Mr. Gilmour is taking charge of the team, Mr. Porteous having gone to the M.I. Company, but the eleven remains much the same as that which played in the late Poona Tournament.

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Home and Depot Notes.

In Army circles in Stirling there is some talk of the military prison being shut up, and there is a belief that this will come about sooner or later. There is only one such place of detention in Ireland, and not more than one or two in England, and the number of troops in Scotland is much smaller than in either of these two parts of the Kingdom. Though it would cost a good deal to convey a prisoner from say Fort George to Dover, the annual expense of keeping up a prison for Scotland, where there are comparatively few offenders, is greater than sending them to England. What gives colour to the report is that the detention cells in Stirling Castle, which have been closed for a long time have been re-opened.

The following is a comparison between the present average cost of a soldier to the nation and what he will cost under the new Army Scheme.

	£ s. d. Present System	£ s. d. New System
Infantry of the line	53 16 0	44 19 4
Foot Guards	46 16 6	46 16 6
Cavalry of the Line	78 0 6	72 0 0
Household Cavalry	110 2 0	110 2 0
Horse and Field Artillery	74 7 4	45 12 0
Garrison Artillery	71 12 0	67 12 6
Militia	21 9 3	
Yeomanry	19 17 0	
Volunteers	6 6 3	
Territorial Army (all arms)		9 4 0

It is proposed to adopt in British Field manoeuvres the Japanese practice of using small flags to mark positions which have been gained during operations. It is claimed for the system that it is not only useful in preventing troops from firing on troops of their own side, but that emulation is aroused among the men to be the first to plant the flag on a position which has been rushed.

Mr. Haldane has announced that all men on joining, as soon as funds become available, are to be given the messing allowance.

At the request of General Thomson, Mr. J. MacKillop, jun., of Polmont, has called a meeting in Edinburgh, of pipers, pipe makers, and all interested in pipe matters to consider and discuss the chanter scale, with the object of attaining a standard for general future use; the facilities for such an investigation having been immensely increased during the last fifty years. General Thomason has kindly placed a "voicer" at the disposal of the meeting, by means of which tests and records of chanters can be made and anyone having an old chanter in his possession is invited to bring it to the meeting.

The military detachment which attended the funeral of Pipe-Major Ferguson at Kingarth recently, were a remarkably fine looking body of men, and Capt. Williamson, who was in command, was a man of over six feet in height and proportionate in breadth. It was remarked that as a body they looked like a well picked tug-of-war team.

The death of the Rev. W. F. Goldie, of the South U.F. Church, Stirling, recalls the fact that many of the Sutherland Highlanders when they returned from Canada after the disruption insisted on the Free Church being their place of worship, and the War Office recognised their claim. The only other place in Scotland where the U.F. Church is recognised in this way is Inverness.

The following notice regarding the Scottish Royal Standard has been issued:—It has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for the Home Department that the Royal Standard has occasionally been flown in an unauthorised manner from various public and private buildings, and he wishes it to be generally understood that the Royal Standard is the personal flag of the Sovereign and cannot properly be used without His Majesty's permission. Such permission is granted only where the King or Queen is present in person.

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The national flag of Scotland is the St. Andrews Cross on a blue field, and not the Lion Rampant which is the personal flag of the Sovereign.

The following figures give the strength of various arms of the service on March 1st:—

	British	Indian
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	19,392	10,039
Royal Garrison Artillery (including clerks)	14,199	5,291
Infantry of the Line	81,485	54,787
Infantry Reserve of the Line ...	74,153	

This year being the jubilee of the relief of Lucknow under Sir Colin Campbell (Lord Clyde) in 1857, it is intended to celebrate the event in a fitting manner. Arrangements are being made to that effect at Home and all officers now living who were present at that important event are requested to take part in the proceedings.

The Volunteer Battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders go into Camp this year as follows:

1st and 5th Battalions with the Gordon Brigade at Stobs, 4th to 11th July.

2nd Battalion with H. L. I. Brigade, at Kilchattan, 12th to 19th July.

3rd, 4th, 1st. D.R.V., and 7th with A. & S. Brigade, Sheriffmuir, 12th to 20th July.

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The earnings of Sandy M'Intosh amounted to a pound a week, and, like a good husband, when he was paid on Saturday he went straight home and gave that pound to his better half. One Saturday, however, he handed her over but nineteen and ten-pence. Mrs. Sandy looked at the coins sadly, but offered no remark. On the following Saturday enter Sandy once more with the same amount. Mrs. Sandy again took the proffered coins without remark. The third Saturday, however it was too much for her, and on receiving the same amount, she burst into tears.

"Oh, Sandy, Sandy!" she wailed. "What hae ye been doin'?"

"Weel", said Sandy, "these three Saturdays aie met auld Donald, an' we've had drinks."

"Oh, Sandy," she sobbed, as the tears of thankfulness ran down her cheeks. "I'm sae glad. I dinna mind ye're extravagance so much, but I was afraid ye were keeping up two establishments."

Football.

Since the arrival of the Battalion in Bloemfontein, football has taken a fresh development scarcely unprecedented in the history of the battalion. Of late years in India, the inter-company league afforded most of the matches for the amusement of the non-players, with an odd cup-tie now and again to pull the regimental team together, but here in Bloemfontein there is football for nearly everyone.

For the first eleven of the Regimental team, there are several competitions open, the first in order of importance among the local events being the Borckenhagen Shield, open to all senior teams in Bloemfontein and is conducted on the league principle, two matches home and away with each club. Each match is limited to 80 minutes, with an interval of not more than 5 minutes. The teams entered are the 5th Dragoon Guards, Railway, Royal Engineers, Rangers, Royal Field Artillery the Welsh Regiment and ourselves, the first match being played early in April.

Then there is the Old's Challenge Cup open to Senior teams only, and is due to commence at the end of May. There are seven games in the first round, the Ninety-Third being drawn against the 5th Dragoon Guards.

Afterwards comes the Dewar Charity Cup, open to Senior teams and in the first round of which we meet the R.F.A. sometime in May.

Last, but by no means least for the regimental first eleven, is the Army Cup. In the first round we are drawn against the 5thDragoon Guards, and we have every confidence in our representatives making an exhibition worthy of the Ninety-Third. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to meet the present holders, the 2nd Battalion 79th., in the final.

For the second eleven, there is the second league championships, the winners of which receive the Old's Junior Cup. The Sowden & Stoddart Cup is also competed for by second league teams, in the first round our eleven meet the A.O.C. in May.

There is a cup—the "Jankielsohn"—open to teams whose players are under 21 years of age, and we understand a team is being entered.

An important trophy is the Hudgson Shield open to junior teams—players under 18 years of age,—and we hope our "boys" will make a good appearance.

The great event in Orange River Colony Foot

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ball this year is the visit of the Corinthians from England. There are three games with the visitors in Bloemfontein, viz:
Corinthians vs. Bloemfontein, 22nd July.
Corinthians vs. O.R.C., 24th July.
Corinthians vs. South Africa, 24th August.

The battalion first eleven this year may be reckoned an excellent one. It will probably be selected from the following: Goal: Sergeant J. H. Markey. Backs: Privates M. Lapsley, J. Mowatt and Alexander. Halves: Ptes. McMillan, Duncan and Dunn. Forwards: Privates Fleming, Wright and Miller; Lance Corporals Quinn and Montgomery and Sergeant Galbraith.

All of the foregoing have proved their worth and in addition to representing the Ninety-Third some of them should find a place in the Colony representative team.

The month of March has witnessed very little in the way of actual matches, the serious work not commencing until April. One interesting game was that between our team and the Rangers—perhaps the best of the Bloemfontein teams—which resulted in a win for the Ninety-Third by 1 goal to nil.

The Rangers, winning the toss, elected to play with the wind and slope in their favour, but after the kick-off the Ninety-Third team secured the ball and carried the game into their opponents half, where their attacks on the goal were frustrated by the Rangers' backs.

Shortly after this the visitors got a goal-kick allowed them, but it was easily cleared, and the Rangers worked back again and from a good chance Smit made a very weak effort to score, owing to the greasy nature of the ball. The Highlanders then became the assailants, and Gavin making a weak save, Dunne, the centre-forward had little difficulty in drawing first blood for the military. From the kick-out, the Rangers had possession of the ball, and Lincoln sent along to Francis, who beat Markey, but the goal was disallowed for Lincoln being off-side. The Highlanders then seemed to do as they pleased with the Blue's backs, with the exception of King, but spoilt good chances by indifferent play. After about another five minutes' play, relief came through Francis and Lincoln, and they gave Hill a nice opening, but the shot went wide. The Rangers goal-keeper then had a lot of work to get through, till Lincoln and Hill came to his assistance, and McMillan slipping in the mud, left Hill another show, but this time the ball went too high. The play ruled even for some time after this owing to the filthy state of the ball and ground, the players having great difficulty in keeping on their feet when attempting to kick.

On changing ends the Highlanders soon made tracks for the south goal and twice looked dangerous. At last the Rangers lifted the oppression and became the agressors, but Markey was on the alert and cleared well.

In and out play ruled for a while and the Rangers worked up the coast line and Lincoln sent in a beauty which the custodian sent back to Francis, who returned a hot shot from a few yards, but the tall form of Markey was again in the way when a goal looked a certainty for the Rangers. Then the Rangers were given a penalty kick, but Lincoln found the ball too greasy to do anything in the way of scoring. The Rangers were now improving, Lincoln in particular, with some nicely placed shots, causing Markey to keep on the move, but their best efforts were all unproductive. Just before the whistle blew the Highlanders had a couple of shots at the Rangers' goal, but on each occasion the ball went too high and they were finally left the winners by a goal to nil.

It was the first appearance on the ground of the Highlanders, and everyone was greatly taken with their tricky and very pretty play. Their forwards were a long way better than those of the Rangers, but it is not exactly fair to criticise individual play when the state of the ground and the ball is taken into consideration.

Mr. O'Keefe was a very efficient referee.
The teams:

Rangers:—Gavin, Dexter and McKenzie (capt) Whale, A. W. King and Attlee; Lincoln, Grobelaar, Francis, Smit and Hill.

Ninety-Third—Sergt. Markey, Lapsley and Kelly; McMillan, Duncan and Mowatt; Wright, Fleming, Dunne, Miller and Quinn.

The regimental playing colours are green shirts with a gold sash and white knickers. Most of the companies have indulged in new rig-outs since arriving here.

The following extract from the "Broad Arrow" will be read with interest, and no doubt when the Cup does arrive a suitable reception will be accorded it.

"At the meeting of the Army Football Association it was decided that the resolution of 31st March 1902, as to the provision of miniature cups for clubs which have won the Army Cup Competition should be made retrospective.

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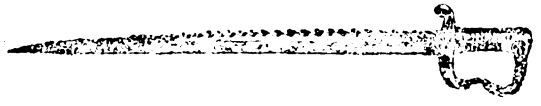
Minatures will therefore be supplied free of charge to the following regiments—in cases where a team has won the Army Cup more than once, only one minature cup will be given, and the record of both victories will be inscribed thereon: Season 1888-89, 2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Bloemfontein: 1889-90 and 1893-4, 2nd Bn. Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), Peshawur: and 1890-91 and 1891-92, 2nd Bn. Scots Guards, Tower of London. Minatures will be supplied to the following regiments as funds permit: Season 1892-93, 2nd Bn. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment): 1894-95 and 1896-97, Royal Artillery, Portsmouth: 1895-96, 1st Bn. Royal Scots: 1897-98, 2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders: 1898-99, 1st Bn. South Lancashire Regiment: and 1900-01, 2nd Bn. Highland Light Infantry.



Notes.

WALKING ROUND THE WORLD.

On the 8th April there arrived in Madras, says the "Madras Times", two of those adventurous souls who walk round the world for a wager suffering great hardships and discomforts for the sake of the comfortable future which the winning of a wager should secure them. On the 12th March Mr. Paris, a retired soldier of the Royal Artillery, started from Bombay in company with a Mr. Carney both attired in paper suits which, however did not last long. At Jubbulpore Carney returned to Poona on business and abandoned the walk. Paris followed him and was there joined by his present companion, Mr. Thompson, formerly a soldier in the Ninety-Third Highlanders. They arrived in Madras having abandoned thoughts of going by Calcutta. They state that the conditions of the wager are that they must neither beg, borrow or steal and must walk on an average of 20 miles per day. So far their only adventure of note has been with a panther which took their dog on the Western Ghauts. They look in the pink of condition and the walking appears to agree with them."

A Monument in Sutherland to the 93rd Regiment.

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(We have received from a contributor the following interesting cutting from a recent issue of "The Northern Times".

Although no longer the territorial regiment of Sutherlandshire, we are still proud to be known as the "Sutherland Highlanders", and even at this late date there are still a few representatives of the country serving with us. Should the matter prove worthy of the consideration of those interested, the erection of the proposed memorial would be deemed a great honour to the regiment—Ed)

Sir—The 93rd Regiment was raised in 1800, and in the autumn of that year it received its regimental number. Although the county of Sutherland gave birth to it, and its roll of fame is unsurpassed, if equalled, by any regiment in the British Army, perhaps reaching its climax in the incident of the "Thin Red Line" at Balaclava, yet there was not, when it was raised, as much as a single stone erected to commemorate the event, nor since, during the hundred years now past, has there been anything done in the same direction, nor in any direction, to mark in a permanent way that the 93rd beiongs to Sutherlandshire. Elsewhere monuments have been raised to the memory of those who have fallen in battle, and only recently a monument was unveiled at Stirling, to the memory of those who fell in Africa, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. It would be interesting to know how much, if any, has been contributed by Sutherland people to the subscription list for that monument. Surely it is not too late, even now, to take steps, with the view of raising a monument in Sutherland in honour of its own regiment.

In this connection there is also an interesting field for enquiry. No doubt, in many cases, it will be impossible to obtain the names of past veterans with a history of their lives and deeds in battle, but, if this was heartily taken up, as much could be obtained as would provide material for a most interesting volume. Here is work for Mr. Polson, teacher, during his holidays, or for some other able writer. Assistance in this direction might be given by friends and patriots in each parish, who could gather useful and interesting information from aged people still living who knew many of the veterans from 1800 upwards. Even in the forties the writer, as a

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child, remembers seeing scores of pensioners who served in the regiment in the early part of the century. One is distinctly before his mind, who saw the swamping of a boat load of the 93rd when crossing the bar at Cape Town. In two or three minutes only the bonnets of the men were to be seen. An interesting incident in connection with the same veteran, when he was a very aged man, may be told. For two or three years he was entirely bedridden, but one day a beggar came to his house, and it happened that he was alone in the house at the time. The beggar was asked his history and told that he was an old soldier. "If that is so, take down the old gun that you see lying up there that I may put you through some of the drill." Immediately after, his daughter came in and stood amazed at seeing her father sitting up in bed, and putting the beggar through gun drill. When he was done, he gave the beggar a shilling. The curious and interesting thing is that after this the old soldier left his bed and was able to move about until his last illness.

As to the probable difficulty of getting information about past veterans, after the lapse of one hundred years, the difficulty is not so great as it appears. For example, there are two or three still living whom the writer knows—who saw, or at least could have seen, an old woman who resided at Gartymore, Helmsdale, and lived to the age of 117 years. At about the age of seventeen—she said she had her hair up—she saw the contingent from Caithness pass Helmsdale, when on their way to join Prince Charlie's forces in 1745. Misfortune befell this body of men. When they appeared below the Church at Golspie, one was shot down from behind the churchyard. The others were massacred at Littleferry.

It will be interesting to know what others of your readers and correspondents think of the proposals made in this letter.—I am, etc.

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Musketry.

A commencement was made on the annual course of musketry for 1907 at the beginning of the month. "A" (Captain McCandlish's) and "E" (Captain Glasfurd's) Companies, were the first to be exercised, and throughout were favoured with good weather, a trifle breezy perhaps at times. Although the conditions were different from the Indian ones, inasmuch as no sighting shots were allowed in South Africa, the scores made compare very favourably with those made in Poona. The contest for company shot in both companies was very keen, being only decided at the last practice. The following are the marksmen and averages of each Company.

Second Lieutenant R. G. Maclaine proved the best shot of his Company, and the next in order, Private Brown and Lance Corporal Lamie, having tied on their total score, in order to decide the ownership of the "Star" it was agreed to fire off for it, Private Brown winning

"A" COMPANY.

2nd. Lieut. R. G. Maclaine.
No. 7670 Private J. Brown (Company Shot).
No. 5219 Cr.-Sgt. M. Sutherland.
No. 7950 Cpl. H. Hutchinson.
No. 9712 Lce.-Cpl. A. Seath.
No. 4749 Pte. T. Durick.
No. 9812 Lce.-Cpl. R. Graham.
No. 8367 Pte. R. McGill.
No. 7929 Pte. G. Paterson.
No. 8179 Lce.-Cpl. J. Campbell.
No. 6511 Lce.-Cpl. J. Lamie.
No. 10043 Pte. A. McLennan.
No. 7799 Pte. A. Moffat.
No. 10208 Pte. P. Brown.
No. 10237 Pte. P. Armstrong.
No. 7221 Pte. M. Clanahan.
No. 9451 Pte. J. Wilson.
No. 8078 Pte. A. Campbell.
No. 7685 Pte. W. McPhee.
No. 8278 Pte. P. Gunn.
Number of Marksmen 21.
Number of first-class shots, 42.
Number of 2nd class shots 36.
Number of 3rd Class shots 3.
Company average, 184.

"E" COMPANY.

No. 8090 Pte. W. Green, (Company shot).
No. 3306 Cr.-Sgt. A. Lockie.
No. 4567 Sgt. D. Inglis.
No. 4761 Cpl. A. Bowe.
No. 8063 Pte. W. Cutler.
No. 7734 Sgt. A. S. Macdonald.

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No. 9175 Lce.-Cpl. H. Bridges.
No. 7185 Pte. M. Lapsley.
No. 7516 Pte. P. Paton.
Number of marksmen, 9.
Number of 1st Class shots, 37.
Number of 2nd Class shots, 37.
Number of 3rd Class shots, 9.
Company Average: 169.

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Changes in the Designations of Companies.

So far as we are aware the following is a complete list of changes in the designations of the companies of the Ninety-Third since the period of the Crimea Campaign. This list has been compiled from various sources and is, we believe, correct.

Designation during Crimean and Mutiny Campaigns	CHANGES				
	About 1860	About 1865	About 1873	About 1881	Present Day
Grenadiers	1	G	G	G	G
No. 1 Company	2	K	K ‡	H	H
„ 2 „	3	M §	E	E	E
„ 3 „	4	A	A	A	A
„ 4 „	5	I	I ‡	B	B
„ 5 „	6	F	F	F	F
„ 6 „	7	D	D	D	D
„ 7 „	8	B †			
„ 8 „	9	H †			
Light Company	10	L §	C	C	C
	11	C *			
	12	E *			

* Depot Companies reduced on return of Battalion from abroad.

† Battalion Companies which went from Depôt on formation of Brigade Depôts in 1873. On the amalgamation with the 91st Highlanders these two companies remained as Depôt Companies and were re-lettered as "B" and "D," the two companies of the 91st becoming "A" and "C" companies. Last year (1905) "B" and "D" (93rd) companies were amalgamated on the reduction of the number of Depôt Companies, What its designation now is has not yet been ascertained.

§ Re-lettered owing to reduction of Depôt companies

‡ Re-lettered "B" from "I" and "H" from "K" owing to Depôt Companies becoming permanent whether Battalion at Home or Abroad.

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Veterans of the Ninety-Third.

No. 3080 COLOUR-SERGEANT JOHN MILLER.

Enlisted 8th May 1848, for the 42nd, Royal Highlanders and joined the Ninety-Third as a Volunteer for the war with Russia, at Plymouth in 1854. Served throughout the whole of the Crimea Campaign with the Ninety-Third, also the Indian Mutiny and Umbeyla Campaigns. Has the Crimea Medal with clasps for Alma, Balaclava and Sebastopol; Turkish Medal; Indian Mutiny Medal with clasps for the Relief and capture of Lucknow; Indian Frontier Medal with clasp for Umbeyla. He attained the rank of Colour-Sergeant in 1867 and was discharged to pension on 7th December 1869. He is a native of Edinburgh where he now resides, and is now 76 years of age. The veteran colour-sergeant, though now in indifferent health, still shows signs of the magnificent physique which carried him through three campaigns. He is still over 6 feet in height despite his age, and as upright as a ramrod. Was orderly to Sir Colin Campbell at the battle of Balaclava, and was selected as one of the models for the statutes in St Giles Cathedral, and also for one of the figures in the picture of the Thin Red Line.

When serving with the 42nd Highlanders the veteran was one of an escort sent to guard convicts to the Bermudas. The convict ship took 110 days to go, but the voyage back lasted only 22 days. During the performance of this duty Miller held the rank of "pipeclay sergeant" as he calls it, local rank, no doubt corresponding to the "saltwater" sergeants of the present day. Colonel P . D. Trotter was a subaltern of the Company Miller was Colour-Sergeant of. A brother—George Miller—also served in the Regiment and went through the Umbeyla Campaign, dying recently in Edinburgh.

Ninety-Third Calendar for May, 1907.

1. W. Left Table Bay for England 1814. Est. reduced to 33 Officers, 59 Sergeants, 23 Drummers and Pipers, 40 Corporals and 480 Privates, 1872.
2. Th. Lieut.-Col. Alexander Halkett to 10th Foot, 1810, "B" Coy. win Tug-of-war Shield, 1901.
3. F. George Johnstone, Lieut.-Col., 1810. Emb at Balaklava on board "Sphynx" and "Nemours" for expedition to Kertch and Yenikale (cancelled), 1855.
4. S. New Equipment issued 1905.
5. S. Battle of Bareilly, 1858. 1 man killed.
6. M. "Big Sam" (Sergeant Samuel McDonald) d., 1802; he was 6ft 10in. in height, and measured 48in. round the chest; buried in Strangers' Cemetery, Guernsey. Arrd. Spithead from West Indies, 1834 (strength 371 N.C.O's and men), Gallipoli

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to Scutari, 1854. Terrific hail storm at Nowshera, 1897; hailstones 4¼ inches in circumference.

7. Tu. Cherat summer detachment left Nowshera, 1896.
8. W. Disembarked Ramsgate from West Indies 1834, to Canterbury. "G" Company win Physical Drill Shield, 1901.
9. Th.
10. F. Final Cricket Clock Tournament, Nowshera, 1897 (1st day).
11. S. Final Cricket Clock Tournament, 1897, "B" Coy. winners.
12. S. Edinburgh to Portsmouth on board "Himalaya" 1873.
13. M. "B" and "H" Companies (summer detachment) to Cherat, 1897.
14. Tu. Arrd. Portsmouth from Granton, 1873, to Aldershot. Arrived Spithead from America, 1815; ordered to Cork. Chevrons for both arms (Khaki dress) taken into wear, 1906.
15. W. Arrived Aldershot, 1873.
16. Th. Re-inforced at Canterbury by Depot Companies, 1834.
17. F. Dublin for the Curragh, 1834.
18. S. Weedon for N. of England by detachments, 1835. Head-quarters, Blackburn, "F" Coy. win Regimental Shooting Shield, 1906.
19. S. Weedon for N. of England, 1835.
20. M.
21. Tu.
22. W. Est. augmented to 800 rank and file, 1834. Again embark (ships "Sphynx" and "Stromboli") for expedition to Gulf of Kertch, 1855. New Colours presented at Dover by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, 1857.
23. Th. "G" Company win Hockey Cup, 1904.
24. F. Exchange Draft (150 strong) arrived from South Africa, 1902.
25. S.
26. S.
27. M. Weedon to N. of England, 1835.
28. Tu. Disembarked, Cork, 1815, to Birr; reinforced following December, by draft from reduced 2nd Battalion.
29. W.
30. Th. MajGenl. Sir John Cameron, K.C.B., Colonel to 9th Foot, 1833.
31. F. Lt.-Genl. Sir Jasper Nicolls, K.C.B., Colonel 1833.

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

Extracts from "The London Gazette" of 19th March.

PRINCESS LOUISE'S (ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND) HIGHLANDERS:

2nd. Lieutenant R. D. FALCONER-STEWART to be Lieutenant, vice Thorburn.

PROMOTIONS.

TO BE COLOUR SERGEANT.

No. 5219 Sergeant M. Sutherland, "A" Coy, 2nd February.

TO BE SERGEANTS.

No. 6032 Lce-Sgt. J. Youngson, "H" Coy, 2nd. February.

No. 6811 Lce.-Sgt. W. Murray, "G" Coy, 2nd February.

No. 5620 Lce.-Sgt. E. Ellis, "D" Coy, 2nd February.

No. 5758 Corporal E. Parry, "A" Coy, 26th January.

No. 5963 Lce.-Sgt. M. Inglis, "F" Coy., 12th March.

TO BE CORPORALS.

No. 9199 Lce.-Cpl. A. Maun, "A" Coy., 26th January.

No. 10310 Lce.-Cpl. C. Lewington, "E" Coy, 2nd February.

No. 7174 W. McPherson, "H" Coy., 2nd Feby.

No. 7703 Lce.-Cpl. D. Stirling, "H" Coy, 2nd February.

No. 7698 Lce.-Cpl. W. McCorkell, "D" Coy, 2nd Febry.

No. 5716 Lce.-Cpl. T. McGeechan, "F" Coy., 8th March.

No. 4619 Lce.-Cpl. W. McKinnon, "G" Coy., 12th March.

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APPOINTMENTS.

TO BE PAID LANCE SERGEANTS.

No. 5378 Cpl. C. Campbell, "E" Coy., 2nd February.
No. 6295 Cpl. W. Alder, "B" Coy., 2nd. Feby.
No. 5170 Cpl. W. Jamieson, "B" Coy., 2nd February.
No. 6440 Cpl. E. McElroy, "C" Coy., 2nd February.
No. 6196 Cpl. T. Clayton, "F" Coy., 12th March.

TO BE PAID LANCE CORPORALS.

No. 10069 Lce. Cpl. C. Lightwood, "F" Coy, 26 January.
No. 9487 Lce.-Cpl. T. McDonald, "F" Coy., 31st January.
No. 6829 Lce.-Cpl. D. Cameron, "A" Coy, 2nd February.
No. 9225 Lce.-Cpl. T. Guthrie, "A" Coy, 2nd February.
No. 9330 Lce.-Cpl. J. Brennan, "C" Coy. 2nd February.
No. 7760 Lce.-Cpl. C. McKim, "E" Coy., 4th March.
No. 7897 Lce.-Cpl. F. Fletcher, "B" Coy., 8th March.
No. 5944 Lce.-Cpl. J. Eaglesham, "H" Coy., 12th March.
No. 5733 Lce.-Cpl. J. Dawson, "H" Coy., 12th March.
No. 7171 Lce.-Cpl. T. Vallance, "B" Coy., 12th March.
No. 7294 Lce.-Cpl. T. Hempspeed, "F" Coy., 22nd March.
No. 6511 Lce.-Cpl. J. Lamie, "A" Coy., 23rd. March.
No. 9553 Lce.-Cpl. W. McLeod, "E" Coy., 27th March.

TO BE PROVISIONAL LANCE CORPORALS.

No. 10155 Pte. P. Moss, "F" Coy., 5th March
No. 9813 Pte. J. Sneddon, "G" Coy.,
No. 9947 Pte. R. Ross, "F" Coy.
No. 9812 Pte. R. Graham, "A" Coy., 13th March.
No. 6799 Pte. J. Kelly, "H" Coy., 14th March.
No. 8153 Pte. G. Thomson, "G" Coy., 14th March.
No. 9491 Pte. W. Dick, "H" Coy., 14th March
No. 7869 Dr. J. Wardrope, "D" Coy., 20th March.
No. 9190 Dr. H. Lees, "H" Coy., 20th March.
No 9709 Pte. G. Jack, "H" Coy., 21st March
No. 9601 Pte. J. Simpson, "F" Coy., 29th March.
No. 9828 Pte. J. Nelson, "H" Coy., 28th March.

TO BE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR IN SIGNALLING.

No. 5117 Cpl. S. McVea, "E" Coy, 29th December, 1906.

TO BE TEMPORARY LANCE CORPORALS.

No. 10236 Pte. A. Jolliffe, "G" Coy., (Transport).
No. 8029 Pte. D. Campbell, "A" Coy., (Shoemakers' Shop).
No. 7844 Pte. J. Kiddie, "B" Coy., (Signalling).
No. 8179 Pte. J. Campbell, "A" Coy., (Signalling).

TO BE DRUMMERS.

No. 9938 Boy H. McKenzie, "B" Coy.
No. 9659 Boy J. Caldwell, "F" Coy.

TO BE ACTING BANDSMAN.

No. 10127 Pte. T. Haddon, "G" Coy.

TO BE ACTING DRUMMER.

No. 9434 Pte. J. Allan, "D" Coy.

TO BE ACTING PIPER.

No. 9054 Pte. H. McLachlan, "D" Coy.

TO BE CLERK IN STAFF CAPTAIN'S OFFICE:

No. 7826 Pte. J. Galloway, "F" Coy.

SERVICE PAY GRANTED AND RESTORED.

Class I at Sevenpence.

No. 7791 Pte. W. Aitken, "B" Coy.
No. 7381 Pte. R. McFarlane, "B" Coy.
No. 9078 Lce.-Cpl. G. Dryden, "G" Coy.
No. 9936 Pte. W. Bain, "D" Coy.
No. 7376 Pte. T. Potter, "D" Coy.
No. 7864 Pte. W. Rae, "D" Coy.
No. 9793 Pte. T. Drummond, "A" Coy.
No. 8357 Pte. D. Forrest, "A" Coy.
No. 5205 Pte. D. Cross, "D" Coy.
No. 7751 Pte. W. Ramsdale, "D" Coy.
No. 7771 Pte. A. Sinclair, "D" Coy.
No. 7865 Pte. J. Caldwell, "E" Coy.
No. 8017 Pte. T. Blackburn, "E" Coy.
No. 7085 Pte. W. Elliot, "E" Coy.
No. 6343 Pte. J. Henderson, "E" Coy.
No. 7858 Pte. C. Morrison, "E" Coy.
No. 4812 Pte. P. Mudie, "E" Coy.
No. 7896 Pte. H. Robinson, "E" Coy.
No. 7720 Pte. J. Cassidy, "H" Coy.
No. 9064 Pte. N. Rennie, "H" Coy.
No. 7955 Pte. A. McMillan, "G" Coy.

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No. 5577 Bdsm. J. Deloughery, "G" Coy.
No. 8291 Cpl. G. Erskine, "H" Coy.
No. 8296 Pte. F. Farrell, "H" Coy.
No. 6369 Pte. J. Robertson, "H" Coy.

Class 1 at Sixpence.
No. 9601 Lce.-Cpl J. Simpson, "F" Coy.
No. 9829, Pte. M. McLeod, "G" Coy.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

Granted Four Good Conduct Badges:
No. 3966 Pte. D. White, "E" Coy.

Granted Three Good Conduct Badges:
No. 4801 Pte. W. Anderson, "F" Coy.

Granted Two Good Conduct Badges.
No. 10260 Pte. A. Lothian, "B" Coy.
No. 8137 Pte. R. English, "B" Coy.
No. 9078 Lce-Cpl. G. Dryden, "G" Coy.
No. 5408 Pte. A. Ewing, "H" Coy.
No. 9747 Pte. J. Caskie, "H" Coy.
No. 8296 Pte. F. Farrell, "H" Coy.

Granted one Good Conduct Badge.
No. 6472 Pte. D. Drew, "E" Coy.
No. 9638 Boy R. Hunter, "E" Coy.
No. 9639 Boy W. Steedman, "E" Coy.
No. 9596 Dr. M. Doran, "E" Coy.
No. 8157 Piper L. Planner, "F" Coy.
No. 9652 Pte. W. McEachern, "F" Coy.
No. 9693 Pte. W. McCracken, "D" Coy.
No. 10288 Pte. W. Glendenning, "G" Coy.
No. 6369 Pte. J. Robertson, "H" Coy.
No. 7743 Pte. R. Fleming, "H" Coy.
No. 9692 Pte. D. Gibb, "H" Coy.
No. 9709 Pte. G. Jack, "H" Coy.

CERTIFICATES.

Granted Harmony Certificate:
No. 5566 Pte. H. Wilson, "H" Coy.

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

To Complete 12 Years with the Colours:
No. 7202 Pte. D. Irvine, "D" Coy.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Sailed from Bombay in S.S. "Assaye", on 8th February, as Invalids:—
No. 4571 Lce.-Sgt. J. Hiddles,
No. 7774 Pte. M. Burns.
No. 7147 Pte. M. Christison.
No. 8314 Pte. H. Wainwright.
No. 9598 Pte. A. Nicol.
No. 8165 Pte. E. Moore.

Transferred to the Army Reserve in S. Africa:
No. 7507 Pte. R. Kean, "A" Coy., 7th March.

Transferred to the 28th Battery, R.F.A.:
No. 8208 Pte. W. Stirling, "D" Coy.

Domestic Occurences.

BIRTH.

GUNN.—At Poona on the 14th March, 1907, to the wife of Quartermaster Sergeant J. Gunn, Ninety-Third Highlanders, a daughter, ISABELLA JEAN.

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Private Murphy—"Shure, wid all them women's movements, I belave we'll have women soldiers by and by." Private Flannigan—"Not a bit of it. Shure, the arms that defend the country will always be clothed in trousers."

Army officers in India tell many amusing stories of the implicit obedience displayed by their Hindu servants. The trouble is that the latter seldom use any judgment.

A famous general, during a campaign in India, had ordered his man to prepare his lunch at a certain hour. One day a fierce engagement was going on, but the servant made his way through a storm of bullets, and appeared at the General's side.

"Sahib", said he to his astonished master, "your bath is ready."

Even better is the experience of an officer who was awakened one morning by feeling the servant of a brother officer pulling at his foot.

"Sahib", whispered the man, "sahib, what am I to do? My master told me to wake him at half-past-six, but he did not go to bed until seven."

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following periodicals up to date 30th April, 1907.

The Military Mail, (weekly).
The Aldershot News, (Weekly.)
The Oban Times, (Weekly)
The Stirling Sentinel (Weekly).
The Rothesay Express, (Weekly).
The Indian Vol. Record and Military News, Fortnightly.
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The Sapper.
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SKIRLS

It is our sad duty to publish in this number a farewell notice of our late commanding officer, Colonel Stanley Paterson. Partings at all times are sorrowful, and this instance is no exception as those who knew Colonel Paterson were well aware that the efficiency of the battalion and the welfare of each individual member of it were his first consideration. And how well he succeeded in his endeavour is instanced by the excellent reports of the Commander-in-chief and general officers on the condition of the Ninety Third when leaving India. He cherished most carefully the spirit of loyalty to the traditions of the regiment for which the Ninety Third Highlanders are famed, and we feel sure that though absent from active connection with the regiment, Colonel Paterson will always look back with pleasure and pride to his period of command of the Ninety Third.

We welcome Lieutenant Colonel A. E. J. Cavendish, C.M.G. to the command of the battalion. It could not be in better hands, and with the loyal support of all ranks we look forward to the last years of our tour of foreign service without fear that the regiment will leave South Africa bearing the good name it arrived with.

Lieutenant Colonel Cavendish took over the command of the battalion on 17th May, being Gazetted to his present rank from 27th June, 1907.

Major A. Aytoun, D.S.O. joined the battalion in room of Major A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O., and on arrival took over the command of the Grenadier Company.

Captain A. J. Campbell has gone home on leave, pending, we understand, his retirement, "B" Company being commanded by Lieutenant A. E. Kennedy in his absence. Lieutenant M. G. Sandeman went away on six months leave, while 2nd Lieutenant Stirling has gone to Standerton to augment the strength of the mounted Infantry Company. Lieutenants the Honourable R. Bruce and W. J. Cunninghame have rejoined from sick leave.

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Major Aytoun has taken over the duties of Band President while Captain C. A. H. Maclean has been appointed District Signalling Officer.

Second Lieutenants A. K. Maclean and A. G. C. Colquhoun having joined on first appointment are temporarily posted to "H" and "A" Companies respectively. Second Lieutenant A. C. Gilmour is transferred from "D" to "E" Company.

Lieutenant R. D. Falconer-Stewart is to be congratulated on his long delayed promotion.

Lieutenant R. D. Falconar-Stewart is to be successfully the recent school of musketry examination. Sergeants Sim, Glass and Rutherford also passed, Sergeant Glass securing the much coveted "Distinguished." Of the thirty-three school of musketry certificates in the battalion, the majority are so marked, a circumstance not so well known as it should be.

It has been decided by the Army Council with regard to Army Bands, that if the amount received by the Band Fund for engagement money admits of it, extra pay, at the rate of one penny per day, or more, may be granted to a limited number of the best musicians. The minimum playing out charge for a full band should be £12 12s. for a full programme not exceeding three hours.

To Major General J. E. Boyes, C.B. we tender our congratulations on his being appointed to the Colonelcy of the Regiment. General Boyes comes to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from the Gordon Highlanders with an excellent record of service having served with distinction in the Egyptian war of 1882 with the 75th. We hope to publish a detailed record of our Colonel's services in an early number.

On the 16th May, Captain Neill Malcolm, D.S.O., was married in London. Captain Malcolm, who left the Ninety-third in India for service in Somaliland, is rapidly coming to the front as an officer of distinction. It is interesting to know that on the death of the late Colonel G. F. R. Henderson, Captain Malcolm was chosen and successfully edited the now well known work "The Science of War".

The magnetic variation of the compass from true North at Bloemfontein is 24 degrees 30' West.

On another page appears an account of the doings of the left half battalion at Glen. Prior to their journeying out, the right half, under Captain A. J. Campbell, went on 21st May and made the trenches referred to in the article. During their sojourn, "A" "B" and "D" Companies had very disagreeable weather with rain storms followed by keen frost, a combination trying to the most hardened campaigners, so that their experiences in bivouac are not to be envied.

An issue of a third flannel shirt has been made to all N.C.O's. and men who were serving in India in June 1903, when a similar issue was made at Home.

The Annual Course of Musketry for 1907 has now been completed, the results to date appearing in our columns.

The Ninety-First having taken an active part in painting the map of South Africa red, it has been reserved for the Ninety-Third to assist in the gilt-edging thereof, the occasion being the installation of His Excellency, Sir Hamilton Goold-Adams, G.C.M.G., C.B. as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the newly constituted Orange River Colony. The battalion furnished a Guard of Honour under Captain K. F. C. Marshall and Lieutenants Hon. R. Bruce and R. D. Falconer-Stewart, (the latter carrying the King's Colour) at the entrance to the Raadzaal or House of Parliament, and also furnished men to line the road from Government House to the Radzaal. On the Constitution being proclaimed, His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lord Selborne, inspected the Guard, and expressed his gratification on their appearance.

Brigadier General R. B. Bannatine-Allason, C.B., commanding the Orange River Colony Dis-

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trict, made his inspection of the Battalion on 30th July. In review order, as strong as possible, we paraded on the veldt below the barracks, where after inspection in line, we marched past in column and quarter column, finally, advancing in review order. The G. O. C. then presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, and afterwards addressed the battalion. We understand General Bannatine-Allason was extremely pleased with the appearance of the Ninety-Third on parade.

Owing to the demands on the time of the "Thin Red Line" staff, we have been compelled to issue a number larger than usual in order to bring us up to date. It is becoming impossible to produce a paper with the punctuality obtainable in India, while the facilities for printing are altogether different. With this number, however, we have much pleasure in publishing as a supplement a reproduction of Colonel Paterson's farewell parade. The Companies on Parade reading from the front are "G", "E", "B", "F", "A", "D", and "H". while the officers reading from left to right are. (Mounted) Major A. E. J. Cavendish, C.M.G., Colonel S. Paterson, and Lieut. and Adjutant O. C. Herbert. (Dismounted): Captain P. D. McCandlish, Major A. Aytoun D.S.O., Captain C. A. H. Maclean, 2nd Lieut. A. C. Gilmour, Lieut. R. D. Falconer Stewart, Capt. A. J. Campbell, Lieuts. H. M. Thomson, C. P. James and A. E. Kennedy, 2nd. Lieutenant A. Stirling, Lieut. M. G. Sandeman, Capt. K. F. C. Marshall, 2nd. Lieutenants R. G. Maclaine and H. de B. Purves.

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From a letter received from Bandmaster Hall, late Ninety Third and now of the Western African Frontier Force, we are pleased to learn that he has received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. From his description of the district, it appears to be healthy enough so long as one is careful of himself and notwithstanding the reputation for unhealthiness, much sought after for employment in.

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the relief and defence of Lucknow, the following Ninety-Third Officers attended the levee held by His Majesty the King at St James Palace:—Lieutenant Colonel W. Gordon Alexander, Colonel G. Forbes, and Major R. S. Williams. These officers were included in the survivors of Lord Clyde's Relief force headed by Lieut.-General Sir G. D. Pritchard, K.C.B.

A representative team journeyed to Johannesburg during April to take part in the Transvaal Bisley. The team was composed of 2nd Lieutenant R. G. Maclaine, Colour Sergeants Ewan and Ogg, Sergeants Inglis and Sim, Corporals McKenzie and Campbell and Lance Corporal Lamie, and though unsuccessful in the more important competitions made an excellent show otherwise. Colour Sergeant Ewan tied for a place in the Governor's Cup but failed in the tie shoot.

A Correspondent has asked us to voice the wish of several members of the battalion to have a system introduced of making weekly deposits at the pay table either in a Regimental Savings Bank or as is the practice at home, with a representative of the Post Office Savings Bank. While there is little hope of the former being reintroduced, we do not know of any reason why the latter method could not be extended to this country, but we are afraid our correspondent will require to wait a considerable time before the matter is taken up by the Postal Authorities.

The annual subscription of one shilling due by members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Association has again fallen due, and arrangements are being made to collect the amounts as formerly. To those who proceed home during the incoming trooping season we would specially direct their attention to the advisability of joining either branch of the Association.

From the Mounted Infantry Company at Standerton we learn that some of our men are proving excellent horsemen at jumping, tent. pegging and other mounted sports. We also learn that a detachment under Captain MacLean and Lieutenant Forbes are doing duty on the "Rand" during the Miners' Strike, but have, as yet, no exciting experiences to relate. The dismounted sports appear to have been very successful, "C" Company's tug-of-war team reaching the final where they were defeated after an

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exciting struggle by the Camerons. Other events were: Putting the shot; 1st. Pte. Campbell, 3rd. Sergeant Gibb. Sergeants' Handicap; 1st. Sgt. McKinley, 3rd. Sergt. Gibb. Hop, step, and Jump; 3rd. Pte. Campbell.

The latest from Standerton.—

(Occasion: Tent-Pegging).

(Sergeant very nearly hits officer on head with lance)-

Officer:—"Very nearly had me that time, Sergeant!"

Sergeant: (Keen on practice): "Get it next time Sir. Get it next time!"

Congratulations to Lieutenant E. G. Harvey of the Wiltshire Regiment on his recent promotion. As he only left the Ninety-Third in Poona Lieutenant Harvey's promotion has been exceptionally quick.

It is notified for information that in accordance with Army Orders dated War Office 1st February 1907 the following alterations regarding the record and effect of punishments came into force from 23rd March 1907.

(1) The term "Defaulter Sheet" is abolished and "Conduct Sheet" substituted.

(2) (a) Every severe reprimand to an N.C.O.

(b) Every deprivation of Lance Stripe,

(c) Every conviction of drunkenness (whether punished or not) is now a Regimental Entry.

(3) The "Company Conduct Sheet" of a soldier will be destroyed on his discharge or transfer to reserve. It will also if containing any entries, be destroyed and a blank one substituted (on which will only be noted date of last entry)

(a) On completion of six months from date of attestation.

(b) After every continuous period of two years during which he shall not have incurred an entry in his Company sheet.

(c) On attaining the rank of Sergeant.

N.B.—(a) and (c) are not retrospective and consequently date from 23rd March only.

(b) is retrospective consequently the Company sheet of every man who has been two years clear of an entry will now be destroyed and a blank one substituted and the time which has elapsed since the last entry of any soldier will now count towards his two years necessary before destruction of his sheet.

In effect this last order means that:

(a) Recruits after six month's service.

(b) Soldiers who complete two years continuous service without an entry.

(c) N. C. O.'s promoted to the rank of Sergeant start again with practically a new sheet and only entries in Regimental conduct sheet and in last Company Conduct Sheet are taken into account in the assessment of characters.

South Africa may be all that is claimed for it as a health resort, but there are times, very frequent of late, when it is cold, very cold. When the wind swept heights of Tempe were seas of mud (sounds Irish that!) we grumbled. and when the rain gave place to frost, we still grumbled, but when we had both rain and intense cold together we stopped grumbling and began to believe it was the custom of the country. So helmets were discarded and forage caps and mittens taken into wear, and things have so much improved that at the moment of writing we are indulging in anticipated ideas of an Indian like summer caused by the increasing warmth during parade hours when we find that another cold snap has come in and the nearness of the South pole is so evident that the proceedings of the last Antartic research party are being watched with more than ordinary interest.

Our readers at home may be interested to learn of the different orders of dress indulged in in South Africa. When we came to this station, we were arrayed in the glory of a helmet with heckle and badge, but an order to discontinue the decorations very soon emanated from headquarters. We understand that permission to wear the heckle has been applied for to the Army Council and as the articles are purchased at our own expense we are optimistic of its being granted. To proceed:—Drill order: khaki, means khaki jacket, kilt, sporran, white gaiters and khaki helmet or forage cap according to the season. Accoutrements are waist belt, two pouches, rifle etc. Review order: Serge, is serge and plaid, kilt, sporran, white gaiters and white helmet always. Accoutrements as in drill order, Walking out is either white flannel or khaki jacket, kilt, sporran, white gaiters, forage cap or khaki helmet; waist belt and regimental cane

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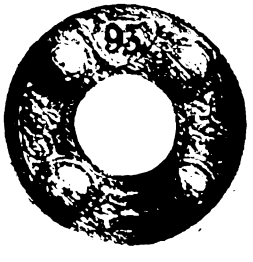
Marching order (the dress we all love so much) Khaki jacket, khaki apron, kilt, khaki gaiters, helmet or forage cap. Waist belt with six pouches, Bandolier, water bottle and haversack; Mineral jelly tin, and mess tin and cover, bayonet and scabbard worn on belt. Waterproof sheet rolled to contain a cap comforter, jersey and pair of socks, and carried on waist belt below mess tin. Great coat rolled en banderole. A knife, fork, spoon and toothbrush carried in haversack. The lot together with a rifle, field glasses and semaphore flags makes one feel as if they were a combination between a tinker and a Christmas tree.

We have to congratulate Quartermaster Sergeant J. Gunn, Colour Sergeants J. Ewan and G. Arnott, and ex-Sergeant W. Scott on their having been awarded the silver medal for long service and good conduct. Brigadier-General Bannatyne Allison, commanding the Orange River Colony District, on the occasion of his inspection of the Battalion presented Colour Sergeants Ewan and Arnott with their medals and referred to their distinction in a eulogistic manner. Q.M.S. Gunn's arrival from India we still await, while Sergeant Scott left the battalion in Poona on his taking his discharge to pension. The Thin Red Line however wishes all of them as typical "Rories," long life to wear the decoration. This addition brings the number of good conduct medals in the battalion up to five and if rumour is correct, the number will soon be increased.

The Company training season is now at an end and battalion training has been entered on. Training in this country appears to be more systematical than in India, so we are looking forward to Brigade, Divisional and finally Field Army Manoeuvres.



The Regimental Dinner.

The Annual Dinner of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was held in the New Gaiety Restaurant, London, on the 21st June 1907.

The gathering was perhaps not quite so large as usual, but the company was a representative one, embracing officers of both battalions—including several ex-commanding officers and for the first time on record the Lieutenant Colonels of both Ninety-First and Ninety-Third were present.

Major General J. E. Boyes, C.B. occupied the chair, and the following sat down to dinner:

His Grace, the Duke of Argyll, K.T.

Colonels P. D. Trotter, V. Chater, J. H. Campbell, Stanley Paterson, E. B. Urmston, C.B., J. Wolrige-Gordon, and D. Henderson, D.S.O. Lieut. Colonel C. Grant, Majors Stuart Macdougall of Lunga, A. Sutherland, R.L., E. McKerrell, H. P. Moulton-Barrett and R. Wymer Captains H. L. Henderson, H. Kirk, G. Thorpe, F. Richardson, D.S.O., F. Newall, I. Watson, N. Malcolm, D.S.O., and D. J. Glasfurd. Lieutenants Burnley-Campbell, W. Neilson, D.S.O., N. McEwan, J. Kennedy, C. Walker and Boyle.

The Chairman proposed "The King" followed by "Her Highness, the Princess Louise", the toast being drank with Highland honours.

The Duke of Argyll, in returning thanks, proposed the health of the new Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Boyes, the toast being enthusiastically honoured.

The usual toasts then followed.

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We were all pretty guilty of laughing at the Babu and his attempts at speaking polite English, but the following actual conversation overheard somewhere near the foot of the lines the other day, is a pretty specimen of a "hielanman's" English.

Lance Corporal: "I say L—. get your blanket and draw the rootie."

Pte. L.—(who is very busy): "How can she pe in four places at twice. If she'll pe one time present she was three times absent."

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Colonel Stanley Paterson.

On the 27th June, 1907, Colonel Stanley Paterson relinquished command of the Ninety-Third Highlanders, after a period of service amounting to close on 28 years.

Our late commanding officer obtained his first commission as second lieutenant in the Ninety-First Highlanders on 9th July 1879, and afterwards joined his battalion in South Africa, too late however to participate in the campaign against the Zulus for which the regiment received a medal and clasp. Promoted Lieutenant 1st July 1881, Captain on 1st February 1886 Major on the 23 July 1894, he served with the Ninety-first until 1899, when he was posted to the Ninety-Third as second-in-command to Col. J. H. Campbell. Promoted Lieut.-Colonel on 27th June, 1903, on succeeding to the command of the Battalion, he became Brevet-Colonel on 27th June, 1906.

One of the best of tacticians, Colonel Paterson was, throught no fault of his, unfortunate enough never to have proceeded on active service. A keen sportsman and traveller, he was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, an enviable distinction conferred on him for his contributions to the Society on the little known continent of South America.

Prior to his departure for home on the 17th May, Colonel Paterson was the guest of the evening, and formally said good bye to the officers of the regiment, his health being enthusiastically proposed and pledged by all present.

Unfortunately the farewell parade of the battalion was rather spoiled by heavy rain, but all present felt very much at parting with their commanding officer.

A social evening was held in the Sergeants Mess when all the officers and married folks made a large and happy gathering. Happy perhaps in a way, but the knowledge that it was at the same time a farewell gathering, made a difference over all. Colonel Paterson thanked all present for their support given during his command and on the health of their guest being proposed was pledged in a manner which showed that the Colonel's departure was a matter of regret to all.

Although the hour of departure was not generally known, a large number managed to meet the Colonel driving through barracks, and with the band playing "Auld Lang Syne" gave Colonel Paterson a good send off.

THE THIN RED LINE, in the name of the Ninety-Third Highlanders wish Colonel Paterson and his much respected lady, long life and prosperity, and have little doubt that his career as a soldier is not yet finished.

We shall have much pleasure in publishing a photograph of the Colonel taken recently on parade, and also the text of his remarks to the battalion on his last parade.

"Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Ninety Third Highlanders: As this is the last opportunity I shall have of seeing you on parade as your commanding officer, I wish to thank you one and all for the loyal support you have always given me during my term of command.

"In the ordinary routine of barrack life one or two of you have at times caused me sorrow and anxiety, but when any special occasion has called for special effort I am proud to say I have always been able to ride out at the head of the regiment without a shadow of anxiety well knowing that every man would do his best on that day to uphold the credit and traditions of the regiment. So it has been in the past, so I am sure it will be in the future. Now these are my last words to you:—I want you to remember that you belong to a regiment with a great name and bright traditions; I want you to remember that the credit and honour of that regiment is in the hands of each individual man of you to make or mar; I want you to remember this at all times, to remember it on parade and to brace your shoulders and hold up your heads at the thought. To remember it when you are walking out in town and to bear yourselves as steady, sober soldiers in consequence. To remember it in your sport and to play the game keenly and fairly with a single eye to winning for the credit of your regiment. I want you ever and always to remember that you must think of the regiment first and yourselves afterwards.—Goodbye."

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Musketry.

ANNUAL COURSE.

All seven companies and Band and casuals have now completed the Annual Musketry course for 1907, and the results compare very favourably with previous courses. From the table given herewith it will be seen that "A" (Captain McCandlish's) Company are again the possessors of the best average, and as such can look forward to retaining possession of the Regimental Shooting Shield for another year. The following are the Company shots and marksmen for each company exercised since our last number was issued.

"B" (CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S COMPANY.

No. 7960 Private V. McKenzie, Company Shot.

No. 7571	Sgt. J. W. Balfour	No. 6869	Sgt. D. McCallum
„ 6295	Lce-Sgt. W. Alder	„ 5287	Cpl. C. Munro
„ 7425	Lce.-Cpl. H. Smith	„ 7171	Lc.-Cpl. T. Vallance
„ 7844	„ A. Kiddie	„ 7472	Dr. Aitchison
„ 10260	Pte. A. Lothian	„ 7942	Pte J. Campbell
„ 7758	„ J. Flockhart	„ 9809	„ S. Mustard
„ 9704	„ J. Craig	„ 7675	„ J. Millar
„ 5182	„ J. Morrison	„ 5474	„ J. Scott

"D" (CAPTAIN MARSHALL'S) COMPANY.

No. 6891 Sergeant E. Brett, Company Shot.

No. 4841	Cr.-Sgt. J. Ogg	No 4682	Lce.-Sgt. A. Gray
„ 7438	Lce.-Sgt. J. W. Galbraith	„ 8010	Lce.-Cpl. W. McQueen
„ 4482	Pte. J. Mowatt	„ 9357	Pte. H. McIvor
„ 7710	„ J. Tomlinson	„ 7386	„ W. Sherlaw
„ 7867	„ G. Maxwell		

"F" (CAPTAIN ELPHINSTON'S) COMPANY.

(Exercised by Lieut. H. M. Thomson).

No. 7623 Private D. Bruce, Company Shot.

No, 9947	Lce.-Cpl. R. Ross	No. 8281	Lce.-Cpl. J. Tunstall

"G" (MAJOR AYTOUN'S) COMPANY.

No. 8015 Lce.-Cpl. W. Fleming, Company Shot.

No. 5736	Cr.-Sgt. G. McQueen	No. 6535	Sgt.-Dr. T. Cridland
„ 4058	Sgt. J. Buchanan	„ 7916	Lce.-Cpl. J. McMath

No. 5287 Private W. Monro.

"H" (CAPTAIN C. A. H. MACLEAN'S) COMPANY.

No. 7192 Corporal C. Campbell, Company Shot.

No. 3006	Cr.-Sgt. J. Ewan	No. 7455	Pte G Polson
„ 6416	Pte. J. Caskie	„ 9600	„ W. McVey
„ 5243	Lce.-Cpl. H. Lawrie	„ 5726	„ W. Silbald
„ 6438	Pte. C Turnbull	„ 7977	„ W. Blackley

BAND AND CASUALS.

No, 10310 Crpl. C. Lewington, "G" Coy., Best Shot of Band

No. 6449	Lce-Cpl. G. Yeo	"E" Company.
„ 5716	Cpl. T. McGeechan,	"F" „
„ 8123	Pte. M. Laird,	"B" „
„ 5659	Pte. H. Darwood,	"E" „
„ 5653	Pte. A. Edwards,	"F" „
„	Sgt. J. Sim,	"D" „
„	Lce.-Cpl. — Smith,	„

RESULTS TO DATE.

Company	M.	1st Cl.	2nd Cl.	3rd Cl.	Average
A	21	41	36	3	184
B	19	37	39	7	177
D	10	44	48	2	172
E	12	42	43	9	172
F*	7	27	49	11	167
G*	7	33	49	13	167
H*	10	36	45	10	171

*Exercised in amended (1907) course.

Results of "C" (Captain A. H. MacLean's) Company, (Standerton), not yet received.

Battalion average 173.

BATTALION FIELD FIRING.

No. of Rounds expended, 8112.

HITS,—Falling Plates	303
Heads and Shoulders	1037
Supports	244
Rsnning Target	297
Vanishing Targets	125
Total Hits	2006

Average 25 per cent.

Shooting Matches.

Several interesting competitions were brought off on our range recently. The first was a match between the best shooting squadron "C" of the 5th Dragoon Guards and our best shooting Company, ("A"). The result was a victory for the Ninety Third Representatives, but we hope to hear of more matches of this nature being arranged for. Other two events were triangular matches between the Sergeants of the 5th Dragoon Guards, the Welsh Regiment and the Ninety Third. In both cases our teams came out bottom. We have no other criticism to make on the meetings—we have read the scores and have made the necessary resolutions, so we live on in hopes of a better result next time.

MATCH—"C" SQUADRON, 5th DRAGOON GUARDS vs. "A" COMPANY, 93rd HIGHLANDERS.

Fired at Tempe, 20th June 1907. Distances 200, 500 and 600 yards. Bisley Marking.

5th DRAGOON GUARDS	200	500	600	Ttl
Private White	30	23	18	71
Private Altiss	21	23	25	69
Corporal Hester	22	23	22	67
Private Moore	23	23	21	67
Private Robinson	21	23	22	66
Corporal Morris	23	17	3	63
Corporal Norris	21	23	16	60
Corporal Bush	26	16	17	59

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5th. DRAGOON GUARDS.	200	500	600	Ttl
Corporal Green	19	23	16	58
Private Hibbard	22	23	13	58
Private Wallis	28	26	2	56
Sergeant Harrison	20	22	12	54
Corporal Croft	21	17	13	51
Private Kencally, ...	26	4	8	38
Private Shakespeare	24	10	0	34
Total				871

93rd HIGHLANDERS	200	500	600	Ttl
Private Gunn	28	26	25	79
Private Durick	24	31	23	78
Lce.-Cpl. Lamie	27	28	22	77
Corporal McKenzie	26	25	24	75
Private Brown	24	28	20	72
Corporal Hutchinson	29	21	20	70
Private Clanahan	28	20	22	70
Private Campbell	27	28	11	66
Private Wilson	22	20	23	65
Lce..Cpl. Seath	21	25	17	63
Private McMaster	23	15	24	62
Private Moffat	21	15	21	57
Private Maclennan	19	17	19	55
Lce.-Cpl. Brown	24	13	6	43
Private Armstrong	20	12	8	40
Total				972

TRIANGULAR MATCH.

5th Dragoon Guards; 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment; Ninety Third Highlanders

Tempe 27th June, 1907.

THE WELSH REGIMENT	200	500	600	T
Sergeant Campbell	32	30	28	90
S. M. Holt	28	29	29	86
Sergeant Ballard	24	29	31	84
Sergeant Evans	26	32	26	84
Sergeant Tehan	27	25	28	80
Sergeant Harris	32	25	19	76
Sergeant Drm. Hanham ...	26	25	22	73
Pr. Sergeant Spong	26	25	20	71
C. S. Porter	29	23	19	71
Sergeant Burns	24	15	28	67
Total	274	258	250	782

5th DRAGOON GUARDS	200	500	600	T
S. I. M. Greenland	28	32	32	92
Sergeant Langford	30	29	30	89
Sergeant King	32	29	21	82
S. S. M. Johnson	28	25	25	78
Sergeant McGrath	26	25	26	77
S. S. M. Carter	24	25	24	73
S. S. M. Elliot	24	24	20	68
S. S. M. Gray	26	22	19	67
S. M. Forrest	29	25	12	66
S. M. Wilcox	21	22	15	58
Total	268	[illegible]	224	750

93rd HIGHLANDERS	200	500	600	Tl
Sergeant Sim, J.	31	31	26	88
Sergeant Inglis, D.	32	31	23	86
C. S. Ewan, J.	31	28	25	84
Lce.-Sergeant Gray, A. ...	30	33	16	79
Sergeant Glass, R.	29	27	21	77
C. S. McQueen, G.	26	29	21	76
S. M. Ditcham, H.	28	21	22	71
Sergeant Macdonald, A. ...	23	28	19	70
C. S. Ogg., J.	21	23	20	64
Sergeant Brett, E.	32			32
Total	283	251	193	727

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2nd TRIANGULAR MATCH.

	200	500	Tl.
The Welsh Regiment Totals	431	440	871
5th Dragoon Guards Totals	428	434	862

Ninety Third Highlanders	200	500	Tl
Sergeant Sim	30	32	62
C. S. Ewan	27	32	59
Sergeant Inglis, D.	27	32	59
Sergeant Buchanan, J.	31	28	59
C. S. Ogg, J.	30	27	57
Sergeant Lynch, F.	30	26	56
C.S. McQueen, G.	25	30	55
S. M. Ditcham, H.	26	28	54
C.S. Arnott, G.	30	22	52
Sergeant Glass, R.	25	25	50
Dr. Major Cridland, T.	18	31	49
C. S. Lockie, A.	27	22	49
Sergeant Crawford, H.	23	25	48
Lce.-Sgt. Gray, A.	24	24	48
Sergeant Phemister, C.	23	23	46
Sergeant Macdonald, A.	20	24	44
Totals	416	431	847

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The Army Rifle Association.

The rules and programme for 1907, just received, form very interesting reading to the follower of shooting in the regular army. The Association does for the regular soldier what the National Association does for the Volunteer and from the number of entries in the 1906 competitions appears to be increasing in popularity. As usual the Queen Victoria's Cup takes first place with the Inter-Company match a good second. It was a matter of regret that our team did not, owing to our move, compete in the former, but this will be made up for before the year is out. It must be fired off in order that the results should reach home by the 15th January.

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Of the 260 teams entered in the Inter-Company match abroad, the Ninety Third teams took places as follows: 52nd. "A" Company; Prize of £2. 92nd. "H" Company; 128th. "E" Company; 144th "G" Company, 193rd. "C" Company; 198th "B" Company; 200th "F" Company; 240th "D" Company. The winners of the Shield, "E" Company, 1st Kings Royal Rifles, Cairo, fired 293 rounds, securing 185 hits, thus averaging over 11 hits per man, per minute at 600 and 12 hits at 500, a result which does not seem very formidable on paper.

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Regimental Shooting Club.

Since the arrival of the battalion in South Africa, everything has been against the continuance of the weekly competitions, and indeed until the training season terminates about the end of October, very little time is available for practice. Between the close of the drill season and the commencement of the Musketry period, it is hoped that opportunities will be given for frequent practice, which we are sure will be largely taken advantage of.

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Football.

Many of the games played since the season opened have produced high class football, while others have been the reverse. Perhaps one of the most important was the Army Cup Tie with the 5th Dragoon Guards played on the Railway Ground. The Ninety-Third team was the strongest available and were fully value for their win. From the form then shewn high hopes were entertained of the team getting further on but the journey to Harrismith and defeat by the Buffs put an end to our speculations. There are many good reasons for our team so going down to what the local press were pleased to consider a slightly inferior team, the long railway journey and the vile climatic conditions being some of them. So we can only hope for better luck next time.

The ultimate possession of the premier trophy here, the Borckenhagen Shield, is at the time of writing still a fairly open question and should produce some very interesting games yet. Of the matches played, those between the Royal Engineers, 5th Dragoon Guards and the Ninety-Third have afforded most excitement. As our readers have by this time heard both prejudiced and unprejudiced criticisms of all games, we will not go into them here, but in passing we should like to say that the principle of permitting a referee to publish his opinions on games adjudged by himself and other referees, is one which, in our opinion, leads to both spectators and players blaming him for shewing partiality. If an active referee were unapproachable regarding his opinion of any match, we believe the existing antipathy to one of the most prominent members of the local association would be removed.

The first eleven have reached the final of the Dewar Cup, one of the most highly prized trophies here, and we hope that their meeting with the Railway team will result in possession of the cup to the Ninety-Third.

The second eleven are making excellent progress in the Second League Competition and should finish near, if not at the top. They are to be congratulated on winning the Sowden and Stoddart Cup a trophy open to the Colony. The final match against Jagersfontein turned out to be a well fought game, the Diamond men going down hardly.

The Hudgson Shield for junior teams afforded the opportunity of our youngsters gaining experience in football but owing to the exigiencies of the service they have been compelled to withdraw their eleven.

Last, but to our minds the most interesting, the Inter-Company League. A new departure this season is the barring of players who have played three matches in the first eleven from playing for their Company, and though the rule no doubt hits one Company harder than another, yet its fairness can scarcely be questioned. At the moment of writing there is little hope of the competition being ended ere the battalion returns from the manoeuvres, but the ultimate championship seems to lie between "B" and "E",

In our next issue we shall give completed tables and results of the different competitions.

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HOCKEY.

The Ninety-Third Hockey team under Mr. Gilmour's hands have established a reputation for themselves of being one of the best elevens in the Colony, and in the local league are still well in for the championship. The manoeuvre season has prevented completion of the competition, but we hope soon to have the final result.

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Athletics.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY GATHERING.

The Annual Highland Gathering of the Bloemfontein Society attracted a fair amount of military competitors and spectators. The Band and Pipers of the Ninety-Third were present during the afternoon and enlivened the proceedings with their excellent music. Captain Charles Maclean judged the Piping events. In the five-a-side football tournament, two regimental teams were entered and the preliminary matches having been played off a few days previous to the meeting the semi-finals were as follows:

Ninety Third "A": 13 points, Rangers, 0.

Ninety Third "B" 2 points, Ramblers "A" 1 point.

FINAL.

Ninety Third "A" beat Ninety Third "B".

The tug of war (eight a side) was an easy victory for our team, which won the medals against the town police team.

Other events were as follows:

TOSSING THE CABER.

1st Lce. Cpl. McLaren, 93rd.

THREE LEGGED RACE.

2nd. Pipers Stewart and Planner, 93rd.

STRATHSPEY AND REEL.

1 Lce.-Cpl. Gunn, 93rd.
2. Lce.-Cpl. Milton, 93rd.
3. Piper Planner, 93rd.

BAND RACE.

1. Lce.-Cpl. Quinn, 93rd.
2. Pte. Walsh, 93rd.
3. Pte. Smith, 93rd.

Garrison Athletic Meeting.

The Annual Garrison Championships Meeting was held on the excellent ground of the Ramblers' Club on Saturday, 6th April. All the Corps in the garrison were represented and some entries had to be run off previously at Tempe. Colonel Paterson was President of the General Committee, the Ninety-Third representatives being Captain McCandlish and Sergeant Markey. The Ninety-Third representatives gave a good account of themselves, and to Second Lieutenant R. G. Maclaine and Piper Kean we extend our congratulations on their winning the 220 yards and mile Garrison Championships respectively. Piper Kean also secured second place in the quarter, while in the high jump, Sergeant Markey was successful in getting second place.

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Regimental Highland Games.

(Novices).

An enjoyable afternoon was passed, the occasion being a series of competitions arranged to encourage novices in sports of a purely highland nature. These comprised, Throwing the hammer, Putting the shot, and pipe playing.

The first event, throwing the hammer, resulted in ten competitors coming forward, the result being:

1st. Piper Kean, 110 feet, 9 inches.
2nd. Private Bruce, 107 feet, 3 inches.
3rd. Private Munro, 105 feet, 5½ inches.

Second event: Putting 16lb shot. 15 entries. Result:—

1st. Lce.-Cpl. McLaren, 33 feet.
2nd. Piper Kean, 31 feet.
3rd. Lce.-Cpl. Montgomery, 29 feet, 10 in.

PIPE PLAYING EVENTS.

Most of the pipers entered, and good music was heard. The results were as follows:

PIOBAIREACHDS.

1st. Lce.-Cpl. Gunn.
2nd. Piper Planner. and Piper Paterson.—Equal.

MARCHES.

1st. Piper Planner.
2nd. Lce.-Cpl. Gunn.
3rd. Lce.-Cpl. Milton.

TUG-OF-WAR.

This event, postponed from the Annual Gathering was brought off during April. The draw in the first round was "A" v. "D", "E" v. "H", "F" v. "G", "B" a bye. "D", "G" and "H" having emerged successful, the second round pulled off "B" v "D" and "G" v "H". Some exciting pulls were now witnessed, the first of the two being a real hard tussel, but the holders again found themselves in the final with "H" as their opponents. The concluding stage was witnessed by a large following and amid great cheers, "B" were again successful in winning the shield.

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OTHER COMPETITIONS.

An interesting competition in range finding was organised and carried out during April. The test was three objects, one being a moving one, maximum points being 60, and resulted as follows:

1st. Prize. Ptes Paton and Raeburn "E" Coy 52 points.

2nd Prize. Ptes. Spencer and Potter, "D" Coy. 51 points.

3rd Prize. Lce.-Cpl. Hempseed and Pte. McIntosh, "F" Coy. 48 points.

The competition for signallers, open to teams from Companies, resulted in "G" Company getting the prize for the large flag, and "B" Company that for the small flag.

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Answers to Correspondents.

"Sevenfours": (1) No, we are not receiving subscriptions to bury "Taps" (2) Brandkop is, we believe, a fixture.

"Supporter": The individual you refer to IS a Scotsman, but please remember the Sixth Commandment.

"Wee Spade": (1) Your rank in the Navy would probably be rear-admiral. (2) We hope some day to see it tried.

"Reformed": It does seem a pity when you have been trying so hard to keep out of hot water, that you should be ordered into it.

"Stroke": Yes, boating on Loch Tempe would be safe. It is fresh water, and the fish you name do not live in it. A capable instructor would be required however.

"Draftie". (1) The best cure for sore feet we know of is to get a staff billet. (2) "Pioneers" is not a permanent job.

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New Shooting Trophy.

By the hands of Colonel Paterson we have received from Colonel Chater, an account of the Regimental Dinner held in London. The day following the dinner, Colonels Paterson and Urmston attended at Kensington Palace and received from the hands of H.R.H. Princess Louise, the vases presented by the late Lieutenant General Sprot to the Ninety-First and Ninety-Third for competition in shooting. These vases are very handsome pieces of plate, of silver gilt, and are identical save that the handles of one are Boars' heads and the other Cats', the latter for the Ninety-Third. That of the Ninety-First has Waterloo and African Medals let into it, while ours has Crimea and Mutiny Medals. We understand that the trophy, which is now being exhibited at the makers' will remain at home until the battalion completes its tour of foreign service.

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What the Parrot is Saying.

[As the bird only says what it hears, some curious information as to what the troops think may be elicited from it]

I saw you first.

That his "jam" is no whit it wis afore.

That his "tippence" went west.

That the Army Cup chance went east.

That "Tattie Jock" kens a' aboot it.

That " Gie 'us a bit o' yer chowin' gum" seems fairly common.

That he wad like tae ken wha' started it.

That he didna believe in chowin' gum bit he wis a nicker on caramels.

That he winders what "B F" stans' for.—Ask yersel'.

That he wad like tae ken whaur the "potted heid" section is.

That he is an authority on crustaceans.

That the new auld greyback wis very acceptable.

That training seems nae joke here.

That we're aye at it.

That the "Burke an' Hare" league supplied some good games.

That he didna strike the gong wi' the clock, he struck it wi' the mallet.

That he hears some awfu' manoeuvres are coming off.

That as long as we keep tae Africa we'el dae.

That there's a wheen o' guid resolutions buried in "Monument Hill."

That we may be d——d scoundrels, bit we can work.

That a certain admi is no a hard worker, but he's constant.

That the last battleship launched is the biggest in the British Army.

That Scotland is gettin' nearer—by years.

That sweepstakes, fried steaks, and MISTAKES are very common.

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Glen.

On Tuesday, 2nd June, the left half Battalion marched out to complete the work done by the right half at Glen, a place very prettily situated on the banks of the Rhenoster spruit, a tributary of the Modder River, and very nearly surrounded by steep hills. Our camp was about a mile and a quarter beyond the Remount Depot and almost twelve miles from Bloemfontein, and on the ground we had to dig on. On our arrival the tents were pitched and dinners cooked then the trenches dug by the three companies of the right half battalion were inspected. There were five trenches in all, four being of the same pattern, viz. about three feet deep with earth thrown up about eighteen inches, each trench was divided into lengths of about five yards with a traverse left between each with communication round it. The fifth trench of a lunette shape about 4 feet 6 inches deep, flush with the ground on the right of the position covering the road supports shelter and had also been built with rocks. Our job was to make head cover with sand bags for four trenches and communication trenches to the supports and also build shelter for the reserves. The first part was very easy, filling sand bags, placing them in position, then masking the trenches with grass and in one case branches were stuck in the ground to represent small trees which concealed the trench very well without interfering with the field of fire. The digging of the communication trenches was not so easy, as in some cases it was cutting through solid rock and several picks were broken and twisted up over this. Where it was too hard to dig sangars about three feet thick were built and covered over with earth so as to prevent shells splintering on the rocks, cover was also provided between the support and reserves, the digging being comparatively easy there. Machine gun sangars were built on the hill behind carefully concealed bushes and a road made up to them. These were made so as to give alternative positions and a shelter for signallers to communicate with the rear under cover was also built. Everyone worked very hard, six hours per day for four days, the time allotted for the work. These trenches are to be fired at by the artillery later on, I believe. I understand howitzers are to be used and of course if they do get the range the trenches will have a very poor time of it, but they will be very hard to see even with glasses from between 3,000 and 4,000 yards off, as they are very low, well concealed and have hills running up behind them. After we finished our digging we bivouaced one night on the ground, having sent our tents into Bloemfontein and the next day marched over to Mr. Edward's farm in Mimosa Glen, about five miles, and on which he was kind enough to allow us to camp also giving us as much wood as we wanted. Mr. Edwards has lived most of his life in South Africa and was most interesting to talk to as he was interpreter to Livingstone when he first came to this country as a greenhand. He however did not accompany the traveller on his big expeditions. Mr. Edwards has also shared in some fighting with the natives in his time.

We got back to Bloemfontein on Monday, having had a very pleasant change. It was a bit cold at night, freezing hard after dark, so much so that the water in the buckets in the tents was a solid block of ice in the morning.

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A good many years ago, when the kilt was not so well known south of the Tweed as it now is, the 79th Foot were quartered in England at a place where they made themselves so agreeable that when they were ordered away the ladies determined to give a ball to the officers. At a meeting of the ladies to arrange it, a suggestion was made by some of the fair but prudish hostesses that they should ask the officers to come in their trousers and not in the kilt.

Whereupon the Dowager in the chair said: "My dears, I understand that we are giving the ball to these gentlemen because we like them, and are sorry that they are leaving us. Don't you think that while they are with us the more we see of them the better? Accordingly the officers appeared at the ball in Highland dress

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Golf.

The Orange River Colony Challenge Cup was played for on the Links of the Bloemfontein Golf Club on 24th May. There were about 40 competitors. Conditions, handicap, two rounds (36 holes) Medal play. Major Aytoun is congratulated on being the winner with nett score of 155, handicap 10.

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Home and Depot Notes.

Lieut.-General John Sprot, of Riddell House, Lilliesleaf, who died on March 19 last, aged 77 years, leaving £99,807 7s. 3d., bequeathed £50, to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, £50 to the School for Daughters of the Officers of the Army at Lansdowne, Bath; £50 to Miss Robinson's Soldiers' Home Institute, Portsmouth; to Robert Hogarth, his "faithful overseer," £100, in addition to such sums as he may be entitled to under the following provision:—To each of his house servants, his coachman, his head gardener, his head game keeper, and his overseer at Riddell, if of five years service, £20 with £5 to for each additional year of service beyond five; £300 to be added to the £200 left by his aunt, Miss Frances Sprot, for the building of a coffee house and free library, conditional upon this institute being built at Lilliesleaf under the superintendance of members of his family, and being known as the "General's Coffee-House and Library:" and £100 upon trust, to apply the income in keeping in proper order and repair the tower he had erected at Riddell.

A Glasgow Volunteer at Stobs recently lost his ammunition just as his regiment was entering into all the excitement of a sham fight. He was anxious to have a shot at the enemy, and, it is alleged, went up to the Captain of his company, explained his loss, and asked if he could throw stones at the advancing battalion. Permission was not granted.

His Majesty the King has graciously honoured the Royal Army Temperance Association by becoming an annual subscriber of ten guineas. His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales has also honoured the Royal Army Temperance Association by becoming an annual subscriber of five guineas.

Section "D" of the Army Reserve has been opened at home for enlistment and re-engagement.

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Ninety-Third Calendar for August, 1907.

93rd Sutherland Highlanders embodied at Inverness, 1800.

"Sutherland News" first issued, Dagshai 1892.

1. Th. Embarked Troopship "Resistance", Canada for England, 1848.
2. F. Aldershot for Windsor.
3. S.
4. S. Colours at present carried by the Battalion presented by Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland in the Queen's Park, Edinburgh, 1871; old colours carried through Mutiny Campaign sent to Dunrobin.
5. M.
6. Tu.
7. W. Outbreak of Cholera at Jhansi, 1869; 11 deaths.
8. Th.
9. F. "Belleisle" arrived at Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope, 1857; first intimation of the Outbreak of the Indian Mutiny received by 93rd.
10. S. Colonel H. W. Stisted, C.B., Major-General, 1864. F. W. Traill-Burroughs to command, 1864.
11. S. Weedon to Portsmouth, 1852. Headquarters arrived Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope, en route for China, 1857. Destination altered to India owing to outbreak of Mutiny.
12. M. Colonel W. W. Knollys, d. 1904.
13. Tu. Sports of Tochi Field Force at Sheranni 1897; Won Tug-of-War and Khud race.
14. W.
15. Th. Disembarked Plymouth for Cape of Good Hope, 1814.
16. F.
17. S. Durbar at Sheranni, Waziristan, 1897.
18. S.
19. M.
20. Tu.
21. W.
22. Th.
23. F. First Column for Khaza Valley left Sheranni, 1897.
24. S.
25. S.
26. M.
27. Tu.
28. W. Lieut.-General A. F. Mackintosh, K.H. d. Colonel 1868. Return of Khaza Column to Sheranni, 1897.
29. Th. Lieut.-General C. C. Hay, Colonel, 1868 Won Richardson Football Cup, Poona, 1904.
30. F. Arrived Leith from Stirling, 1848.
31. S. Disembarked Leith from Canada, 1847. Embarked S.S. "Terrible" Varna for Crimea, 1854.

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REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

Extracts from "The London Gazette."

PRINCESS LOUISE'S (ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND) HIGHLANDERS:

Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Col. STANLEY PATERSON on completion of his period of service in command of a Battalion is placed on half-pay, 27th June.

Major ALFRED E. J. CAVENDISH, C.M.G., to be Lieutenant Colonel vice Brevet Colonel S. Paterson, 27th June.

2nd Lieutenant A. K. MACLEAN, 2nd Lieutenant A. G. C. COLQUHOUN, posted to 2nd Battalion on first appointment.

PROMOTIONS.

TO BE COLOUR SERGEANT.

No. 5763 Sergt. G. M. McQueen, "F" Coy.

TO BE SERGEANT:

No. 5618 Lce.-Sgt. A. McMaster, "C" Coy.

TO BE CORPORALS:

No. 6480 Lce.-Cpl. J. Campbell, "C" Coy.
No. 6397 Lce.-Cpl. J. Wright, "E" Coy.
No. 6428 Lce.-Cpl. R. Carlyle, "C" Coy.

APPOINTMENTS.

No. 2594 Cr.-Sergt. McMaster, "C" Coy. Appointed to the permanent staff, 5th V. B. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

TO BE PAID LANCE-SERGEANT:

No. 5378 Lce.-Sergt. C. Campbell, "E" Coy.

TO BE PAID LANCE-CORPORALS:

No. 7459 Lce.-Cpl. G. McNair, "E" Coy.
No. 9216 Lce.-Cpl. A. Milton, "B" Coy.
No. 9306 Lce.-Cpl. A. Miller, "H" Coy.
No. 9247 Lce.-Cpl. C. Fraser, "D" Coy.
No. 7729 Lce.-Cpl. W. Duncan, "A" Coy.
Nof 9813 Lce.-Cpl. J. Sneddon, "G" Coy.
No. 9601 Lce.-Cpl. J. Simpson, "F" Coy.
No. 9708 Lce.-Cpl. J. Jack, "H" Coy.
No. 9190 Lce.-Cpl. E. Lees, "H" Coy.
No. 7869 Lce.-Cpl. J. Wardrope, "D" Coy.
No. 9947 Lce.-Cpl. R. Ross, "F" Coy.
No. 9812 Lce.-Cpl. R. Graham, "A" Coy.
No. 8135 Lce.-Cpl. G. Thomson, "G" Coy.
No. 9491 Lce.-Cpl. W. Dick, "H" Coy.

TAKEN ON ESTABLISHMENT OF LANCE-CORPORALS:

No. 10115 Lce.-Cpl. P. Moss, "F" Coy.

TO BE PROVISIONAL LANCE CORPORALS:

No. 8304 Pte. J. Laird, "E" Coy.
Nof 7844 Lce.-Cpl. J. Kiddie, "B" Coy.
No. 8179 Lce.-Cpl. J. Campbell, "A" Coy.
No. 10091 Pte. J. Evans, "A" Coy.
No. 10260 Pte. A. Lothian, "B" Coy.
No. 7436 Pte. A. Faulds, "B" Coy.
No. 9662 Pte. J. Henderson, "B" Coy.
No. 9585 Pte. J. Henderson, "E" Coy.
No. 10236 Lce.-Cpl. A. Joliffe, "G" Coy.
No. 10208 Pte. P. Brown, "A" Coy.
No. 7885 Pte. T. Pagan, "C" Coy.
No. 9022 Pte. T. Mackin, "C" Coy.
No. 8319 Pte. J. Bell, "C" Coy.
Nof 9680 Pte. P. McCann, "C" Coy.
No. 6226 Pte. W. Hume, "D" Coy.
No. 8278 Pte. P. Gunn, "A" Coy.
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No. 8818 Pte. G. Grant, "F" Coy.

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No. 628 Ar. Q.M.S. J. Fischer and family.

Transferred to Army Reserve in South Africa, 20th May, 1907 :

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BIRTHS.

TWEEDIE.—At Springwood, Stirling, on the 5th June, 1907, the wife of Captain W. Tweedie, a son.

LOCKIE.—At Bloemfontein, on 18th June, 1907, the wife of Cr. Sergt. A. Lockie, "E" Coy, 93rd Highlanders, a daughter.

ALDER.—At Bloemfontein, on 11th June 1907, the wife of Lce.-Sergt. W. Alder, "B" Coy., 93rd Highlanders, a daughter.

DEATH.

GRANT.—At Standerton on 12th May 1907, No. 8294, Pte. H. Grant, "C" Coy., 93rd Highlanders.

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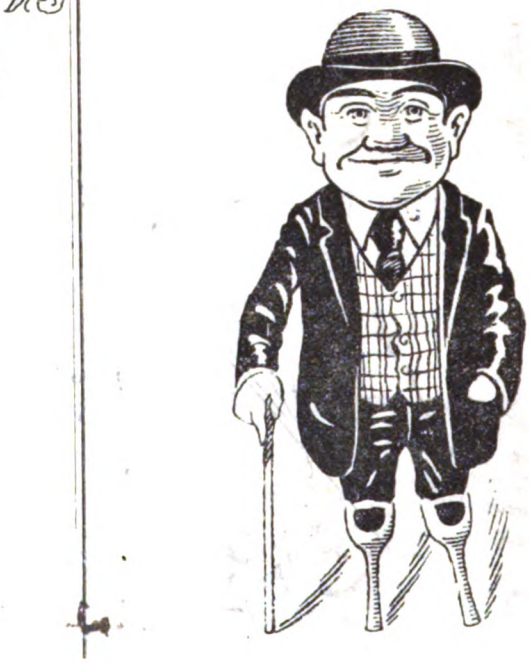

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